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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral	25c 20c
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	\$1.00 50c
Ayer's Hair Vigor	1.00 75c
Miles Nervine	1.00 60c
Miles Heart Remedy	1.00 65c
Miles Anti Pain Pills	25c 20c
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Everything in cooked, pickled, corned and smoked meats of first quality.
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Fancy Navel Oranges for 25c. doz., extra large size 30c doz., a good solid, juicy orange for 20c doz.
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City Market**

ASKS FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

Kruger Offers Old Terms on Which to Negotiate Peace. Lord Salisbury Emphatically Declines Transvaal Proposals. Believed to be a Ruse to Gain Time. Transvaal Independence Not to be Thought of. Lord Roberts Reports that Both Kruger and Steyn Tried in Vain to Stem the Rout of the Boer Army

London, March 9.—It is learned that the peace rumors were founded on fact. President Kruger appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, offering the terms he was willing to accept.

These were not taken seriously, as they include nothing more than the Transvaal offered prior to issuing to the British his ultimatum.

They were regarded merely as a ruse to gain time.

It is understood the advance met with emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who believes, it is said, that such attempt to retain the independence of the Transvaal would not be considered a moment by the British.

London, March 9.—The war office has received this dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, Friday, Presidents Kruger and Steyn were present at the fight March 7, and did all in their power to rally the troops.

"The rout, however, was complete, the men declaring they could not stand against the British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry."

Naval Brigade Returns to Durban.

Touching and Enthusiastic Scenes. A dispatch from Durban says: "A naval brigade from Ladysmith arrived today and was enthusiastically received.

"There were many touching scenes on the meeting of comrades on the battleship 'Terrible.' The tattered union jack which had flown throughout the siege was cheered by a tremendous crowd.

"The majority is well though exhibiting signs of rough work and fatigue."

Peace is a Possibility. Kruger Says End Will Come Within a Month.

From various quarters comes signs of the possibility of peace in South Africa being shortly within the bounds of practical politics.

All dispatches from Lord Roberts' headquarters, including those of the

commander-in-chief himself, indicate a lack of guiding spirits among the Boers and individual demoralization, portending disintegration unless speedily stemmed.

The flight of the burghers from Poplar Grove, according to all accounts, was wholly inglorious.

A Times dispatch from Poplar Grove, under yesterday's date, goes so far as to assert the Boers' rout was so complete submission of the Free Staters is being demanded by the burghers from their unwilling president, and it is expected its submission will be made within a week.

The correspondent adds: "Probably the Boers' wisest course was fight, but it was most undignified and certain to produce consternation in Bloemfontein."

"There is a growing outcry against further identification of the Free State with the Transvaal's interests."

Dispatches from the Boer camp at Glencoe, via Lorenzo Marquez, depict President Kruger as donning the bandolier, seizing the rifle and inviting the volunteers to accompany him as he wished to have a shot at the enemy himself.

President Kruger is also quoted as having declared in his address to his troops he "did not know whether arbitration or intervention would end the struggle, but it would end quickly, within the next month he strongly believed."

British Army are Not Delaying the Advance on Bloemfontein

While many expect overtures of peace within a month, the British army are not delaying their advance.

Lord Roberts has moved 10 miles nearer Bloemfontein, evidently with a view to seizing and utilizing the railroad, possibly to reach the Free State capital in four days, whence he may begin repairing the railroad southward, meeting the British advance from Cape Colony. The British occupied Jamestown unopposed, Thursday, the Boers retreating beyond Alwal North, so Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers.

Reinforcements from Natal are going to Lord Roberts.

Boers Twice Repulsed French White in Retreat

London, March 9.—The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement: It was rumored in London yesterday—and we have reason for believing the rumor to be correct—that the two republics have made informal and unofficial overtures of peace. Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed.

The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever except that, while in retreat, they twice repulsed General French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. General French is still following them and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings. The military critics comment on the discouraging news from Mafeking. Colonel Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

A readjustment of some of the higher commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg, to take supreme command of General Gatacre's division, and the Tenth division, now in process of formation, will be under the immediate command of General Hunter, General White's chief of staff.

A dispatch from Osofontein, dated March 7, says: Lord Roberts' movement today again thoroughly surprised, outwitted and outmaneuvered the Boers, who fled almost without firing a shot. The plan of battle was as follows: General Colville's division extended along the north bank; General Tucker held the center reserve, and the guards brigade had the center advanced. General Kelly-Kenny's division was ordered to make a huge flanking movement on the Boers left, following General French, who was instructed to move southeast until opposite the Boer flank, and then to swing around the rear.

Every movement was admirably executed and entirely successful. The Boers were surprised, as was evident from the state of the deserted camps. Twice the British cavalry were almost in a position to charge; but they admit that they were foiled by the maneuvering of the Boers.

When last seen, General French was pursuing the enemy vigorously. He was between them and Bloemfontein, about 10 miles from the place.

General Colville merely demonstrated against a high mountain occupied by the Transvaal troops, who are now fleeing in consequence of the flight of the Free Staters south of the river.

It is impossible at present to give the Boers numbers; but it is estimated that they reach 14,000, all of whom are now in flight.

In the course of the operations the Ninth lancers attempted to get close to the Boers' right, with the object of charging; but the Boers came out in great force and the lancers were compelled to retire. A battery was then sent forward to hold the enemy in check while the Grahamstown volunteers and a company of mounted infantry, supported by another battery, engaged the Boers on their right flank.

The Boers fired shell, falling short, however; and they made a stubborn defense on the kopje on our right, enfilading the battery and killing 18 of the battery horses. The mounted infantry gradually repulsed the Boers; and the battery then took a position and expelled them from their laager in confusion.

The Boers held a strong position on the north bank of the river; but the flight from the southern bank compelled them to retreat. They showed great adroitness in getting away the wagons and displayed a bold front while the rest of the force was busy unspanning. General French's division consisted of three brigades of cavalry, two of mounted infantry and seven horse batteries.

**COAL, NOT GOLD
IN THE KLONDIKE**

Valuable Deposits Reported Found in Rock Creek, Near Dawson City

Victoria, B. C., March 8.—The steamer Cottage City from Alaskan ports today brings news of excellent coal deposits in Rock Creek, 19 miles from Dawson. Eight thousand tons are ready for market.

Preparations are beginning for the spring clean up in the Yukon district. A hundred weekly are going down the river to Nome.

Boston, March 9.—Julius, the three-year-old son of Max Hurwitz, was burned to death this morning and his brother Benny, 4, fatally burned, while playing around a fire during the mother's momentary absence.

**HIGHWAYMAN TRIO
ARE ALL ARRESTED**

Homes Said to be in Greenfield and Their Revolvers were Stolen From There

Brattleboro, Vt., March 9.—William Dempsey, one of the trio of highwaymen who held up and shot Joseph M. Houghton last night on the road to Guilford, was arrested this morning.

James Welch and Charles Blake, the others of the trio were captured last night.

All are in jail now.

Each is 21, and police records say their homes are in Greenfield, Mass.

Dempsey was captured at North Haverhill, Mass., today.

All had revolvers, believed to have been stolen from Grant's gunshop in Greenfield, last week.

It is learned that Edward Tubbs, thought to have been shot last night, is unharmed.

The bullet struck his suspender buckle, but made no wound.

Houghton was better this morning.

**BULL FIGHTERS SAVED
FROM SPECTATORS' FURY**

Show Was No Good and the Crowd Proceeded to Lynch the Bull Fighters

Austin, Tex., March 9.—A desperate riot, which nearly resulted in the lynching of several bull fighters took place in San Luis, Postoli, Mexico. The affair is described in a letter as follows:

"A bull fight Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of Jose Marrero of Havana, with seven assistants, proved a failure.

"Five arrogant, valiant bulls had been promised.

"The first bull led out put up little show of resistance and was killed, but not one of the others would fight.

"The audience began to hiss and groan and threw oranges, lemons and stones into the ring.

"Finally the disappointed audience tossed chairs, benches and hand rails into the ring then set fire to the pile.

"This stopped the performance, but this exhibition of fire did not satisfy. The belligerents laid violent hands on the bull fighters and were in the act of lynching them when the police interfered.

**FIREBUG ARRAIGNED;
HELD FOR GRAND JURY**

Pleads Not Guilty and Says He Was Forced to Sign a Confession

Boston, March 9.—Nicholas J. Canfield, the alleged fire bug arrested yesterday on suspicion of setting fire to the hay and grain sheds of the Boston and Maine at Charlestown, was arraigned this morning and held in \$500 for the grand jury.

He pleaded not guilty and declared he was forced to sign the alleged confession in the fire marshal's office yesterday.

**CONDEMNED WIFE MURDERER
KILLS HIMSELF IN A CELL**

St. Louis, March 9.—Frank B. Callaway, sentenced to be hanged Monday next for the murder of his wife, poisoned himself at midnight. He enjoyed the secrecy of his cell mate, threatening to cut his throat if he made an outcry.

The executive committee of the agricultural society held an all day meeting today and decided upon the premiums and committees for the next fair.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET			
Tel	239-12	March 9	
Atch	.....	22 1/2	23 1/2
Atch pr	.....	66	66 1/2
B. R. T.	.....	66 1/2	66 1/2
C. B. & Q.	.....	123 1/2	123 1/2
Cont. Tobacco	.....	29	28 1/2
D. & H.	.....	114 1/2	114 1/2
Fed. Steel	.....	47 1/2	47 1/2
Fed. Steel pr	.....	72 1/2	72 1/2
J. C.	.....	116 1/2	116 1/2
L. & N.	.....	81	81 1/2
Man.	.....	93 1/2	93 1/2
Mo. Pac.	.....	45 1/2	45 1/2
M. K. T. pr	.....	32 1/2	32 1/2
N. Y. C.	.....	132 1/2	132 1/2
P. M.	.....	37 1/2	37 1/2
P. M. Gas	.....	92	94 1/2
Rubber	.....	26	29
Rock Island	.....	107	108 1/2
Reading	.....	57 1/2	58 1/2
St. Paul	.....	121 1/2	120 1/2
Sugar	.....	97 1/2	95 1/2
Southern Pac	.....	37 1/2	37 1/2
T. C. I.	.....	92	91 1/2
Tobacco	.....	104	102 1/2
Union Pac	.....	48 1/2	48 1/2
Union Pac pr	.....	74	74 1/2
W. U.	.....	83 1/2	81 1/2
Wire	.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
CHICAGO MARKET.			
	Open.	High.	Low.
Wheat	66	66 1/2	65 1/2
May	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2
Corn	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
May	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
May	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Pork	1075	1082	1072
May	1075	1082	1072
Lard	52	52 1/2	51 1/2
May	52	52 1/2	51 1/2

**Hat Style
For 1900**

You will be surprised at the large variety of styles in derbys and soft hats that we are showing in the very best makes. Dunlap & Co., John B. Stetson Co., Guyer, Cutting, Franklin derby, etc. They include styles for young men and men varied in shape and proportion to suit all. Stiff hats \$1 to \$5; soft hats 50c to \$5; caps \$1.50 to \$1.

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Today's the first showing of top coats for spring, 1900. See our front window for latest ideas—worked out in the Cutting made productions. Oxford Vicunas and chevrons are the latest fad, both serge and silk lined \$10, \$15 and \$20. English whipcords \$7.50 to \$15. Longer overcoats to cover frock coats \$5, \$8.50, \$10, \$15 and \$20.

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New York State Creamery, 23c lb.
Good Dairy Butter, 20c lb.
Strictly Fresh Eggs, 22c doz.
Fresh Western Eggs, 18c doz.
Full Cream Cheese, 15c lb.
Also in teas the best at lowest prices in the city, and best Mocha and Java coffee 30c lb., 4lbs. for \$1.

Boston Butter Co.
85 Main Street North Adams.

RIGHT OF DEFENSE

Great Britain Likely to Accept an Amendment to Hay-Pauncefote-Treaty

Washington, March 9.—There seems to be no doubt that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be amended by the senate foreign relations committee to provide that it shall be under American control. This fact is acknowledged by some of the committee members. The amendment will probably be accepted by the senate and in that form the treaty will be ratified. The amendment will take the form of that proposed in the Suez canal convention which relates to its control and defense, and it is remarked as very peculiar that in arranging the Hay-Pauncefote treaty no notice was taken of this provision. Under the Suez convention Turkey had defense rights over the canal, which have descended to Great Britain because of the assumption of the rule of Egypt by the British government. These rights were stated in article 10 of the Suez treaty; similarly the provisions of articles 4, 5, 7 and 8 shall not interfere with the measures which the sultan and within the limits of the armaments granted, might find it necessary to take for securing by their own forces the defense of Egypt and the maintenance of public order.

In case the sultan or the khedive should find it necessary to avail themselves of the exceptions for which this article provides, the signatory powers of the declaration of London shall be notified thereof by the Imperial Ottoman government. It is likewise understood that the provisions of the four articles aforesaid shall in no case occasion any obstacle to the measures which the Imperial Ottoman government may think it necessary to take in order to insure by its own forces the defense of its possessions situated on the eastern coast of the Red sea.

When the treaty has been amended by the senate it will be presented to the secretary of state for his signature and then to the British ambassador. It is believed that Great Britain will not object to the amendment and the difficulty will be soon adjusted. Indeed, it is rumored that the change of front by Senator Davis, who was disposed to pigeonhole the treaty, was due to a realization that the president and the British ambassador would consent to the change.

The house yesterday unseated Gaston A. Robbins, a Democrat from the Fourth Alabama district, and seated in his stead William P. Aldrich, a Republican, who has been three times a contestant from the same district, on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a Republican house. The vote was a strict party one.

This case out of the way, a new rule was brought in to set aside the day sessions on the second and fourth Fridays of each month for pension legislation. The rule limited debate on each bill to 20 minutes on a side, but this provision was withdrawn upon the assurance of Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, that his side of the house would not indulge in filibustering. During the debate on the rule there was quite a lively row between Mr. Mahon of Pennsylvania and Mr. Talbert of South Carolina.

Before adjourning the house took up the contested election case of Wise vs. Young from the Second Virginia district. Mr. Wise giving notice that he would ask for a vote on it at 2 o'clock on Monday.

Formal discussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government began in the senate, and continued uninterruptedly for 4½ hours. The principal speakers were Mr. Foraker (Rep., O.), in charge of the measure, and Mr. Pettus (Dem., Ala.), but at various times during the debate lively colloquies occurred, in which other senators were participants.

After Mr. Hanna (Ill.) had entered his motion to discharge the committee on foreign relations from further consideration of its resolution, expressing sympathy for the Boreas, and it had gone over until today, under the rules, Mr. Pettus delivered a carefully prepared speech in opposition to the pending bill. He argued that it was unconstitutional.

Mr. Foraker occupied the floor during the remainder of the session. He explained the measure in detail, and gave the reasons why the committee had determined upon the levying of a tariff upon Puerto Rican products.

Committees Illegally Appointed.
Albany, March 9.—A decision in the senate yesterday declares the Mazet committee and all other investigating committees appointed by either house, without consent of the other, at public expense, to have been illegally appointed. The point was raised that an investigating committee could only be appointed by concurrent resolution.

Wanted More Hours' Work.
Hull, March 9.—Two hundred carpenters struck work yesterday on the steamer "Mackay," being fitted up for the transport of Strathmore's horse to South Africa. They complain that imported workmen get more hours work per day. The management of the Elder-Dempster line professes to be able to fill the strikers' places at once.

To Look For the Minerva.
Norfolk, March 9.—The revenue cutter Onondaga left this port yesterday on a second search for the lost Spanish ship Minerva, which, with a crew of 40 men aboard and no coal, has been drifting helplessly about the North Atlantic since Feb. 21. Marine men are now of the opinion that the Minerva has drifted half way across the ocean.

Panic Narrowly Averted.
Chicago, March 9.—The Second Presbyterian church was completely destroyed by fire last night. The building was the home of one of the most aristocratic congregations in the city. A panic was, with difficulty, prevented at the meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Loss, \$200,000.

Lanky Bob Sued by Roebor.
New York, March 9.—Ernest Roebor, who was for some time trainer and boxing partner for "Lanky" Fitzsimmons, has brought suit to recover \$1750 which he claims to be due him for services.

Norwegian Steamer Wrecked.
New Orleans, March 9.—The Norwegian steamer Franklin has been wrecked on Chinchoa banks, about 100 miles north of Belize, Honduras. No lives were lost.

RISING SUN

STOVE POLISH

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"HINDOO LUCKY BOX" PROMOTER A FUGITIVE

Boston, March 9.—Henry Parker, the promoter of the "Three Star Ring Hindoo Lucky Box," has, with his scheme, joined the ranks of the fugitives from justice. At 1 p. m. yesterday authority was given the United States marshal's office to arrest Parker on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The order for the arrest came from Washington.

Inquiries made at the Boston post-office showed that between 7000 and 8000 ordinary letters, and several hundred registered letters, which evidently contained valuable, addressed to Henry Parker, have accumulated since that order was issued. This is all stored away in sacks at present; it is increased daily by hundreds of letters from all over the country, even from Boston. In the money order division there are perhaps 600 or 700 advices of orders, each of which represents 99 cents at least, the price for one "lucky box."

An investigation brought to light the significant fact, which has been guarded as an all important secret, that that mystic "lucky box" is made at a factory in Lynn. This is what the postoffice department says about the box:

"The representations that the boxes were made by Hindoos and imported, and that they had been endowed by the Hindoos with their alleged marvelous powers, were absolutely false, as the boxes were made in large quantities at Lynn, Mass., at a cost of 5 cents each, and the great 'work of philanthropy' in which Parker was engaged therefore brought him a handsome profit on each box sold, as it is estimated that during the few weeks in which the scheme was in operation he disposed of 2000 or 3000 boxes daily."

BULL SESSIONS AT THE STATE HOUSE

Boston, March 9.—The sessions in both branches of the legislature were dull yesterday, but few important measures being considered. The house killed the bill forbidding savings banks to invest in national bank stocks. The bill was a result of a loss by savings banks of \$300,000 through the failure of the Globe bank of this city. Only a weak fight was made in favor of the bill. The session of the day came at the close of the investigation of the metropolitan water board, when Representative Walsh, one of the prosecuting counsel, at the instigation of the investigation, withdrew as counsel for various clients who have suits against the state for damages, it being intimated that he had become interested in the investigation through selfish motives.

Work of a Firebug.
Boston, March 9.—For a third time this week, the large baysheds of the Boston and Maine railroad, on Rutherford avenue, and rented by them to various firms, were visited by fire Thursday, when a shed, in which were stored 35 carloads of baled hay, was almost completely burned; together with four loaded freight cars and a building occupied by E. A. Gillette and Sons, carriage manufacturers. The losses will aggregate \$25,000. Nicholas J. Canfield, 18 years old, was arrested on suspicion of having caused yesterday's fire. He was taken to the fire marshal's office where he confessed. He said he did it because it would give him work loading up teams with burnt hay.

Highwaymen Were Baffled.
Bridgewater, Vt., March 9.—Joseph Houghton, aged 70, visited Guilford yesterday and was returning home late in the afternoon when he met three men, who ordered him to throw up his hands. He immediately urged his horse forward. At the same instant one of the men fired a revolver, the bullet passing through Houghton's neck. Although bleeding profusely, he drove to Bridgewater and was attended by physicians. Houghton's condition is serious, but it is believed he will recover.

Alarmed Block Island Folk.
Providence, March 9.—During the entire forenoon Thursday the sea at Block Island flowed a two thirds full tide, occupying from five to seven minutes in its ebb, and its reflux was of the same duration, the flow and ebb occupying about 14 minutes, when, according to all known regulations of tides, they ebb and flow twice in 24 hours. Some of the people on the island were afraid that something unusual was going to happen, and there was quite a little excitement for a time.

Defender of "Oleo" Criticized.
Washington, March 9.—Considerable indignation was expressed at the meeting of the national pure food and drug congress over a paper read by Colonel John F. Hobbs of New York, the result of which was the expunging of Colonel Hobbs' paper from the official records of the organization. Colonel Hobbs defended the sale of certain substitutes for butter, declaring them to be much purer than the direct products of the country.

Charged with Poisoning Husband.
Columbia, S. C., March 9.—Mrs. Belle Graddick, a handsome young woman, is in jail here, charged with poisoning her husband, J. W. Graddick, a baker, who died Feb. 10. The widow and Eldridge Dawkins, who had been paying attention to her, were arrested, but subsequently released. An analysis of Graddick's stomach is said to have showed that it contained arsenic. Mrs. Graddick was thereupon rearrested.

Gradually Losing Ground.
New Haven, March 9.—There is no visible change in the condition of E. J. Phelps. He is gradually losing ground. He is at times rational and appears to realize that the end is not far off.

MAGNATES' DECIDE ON EIGHT-CLUB LEAGUE

New York, March 9.—The circuit committee of the National Baseball league got together last night and called before it the clubs whose franchises it desires to get possession of in order that an eight-club circuit may be organized. The committee would not disclose the result of the negotiations. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock. President Young made the announcement that a verbal agreement for an eight-club circuit for the season of 1900 had been reached unanimously. The written agreement and details will be formally executed today.

All the clubs dropped have the right under the agreement to reserve their players, except Washington, which has been purchased outright by the league. Washington's players will be distributed among the eight clubs. The Brooklyn-Baltimore combination controls the Baltimore players.

Andrew Freedman is on record as saying that if an eight-club circuit were formed he would spend any sum of money to make New York a winning team. His friends say he fully intends to do this and they predict that the New York team will be up near the top this season.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Grand Trunk Railway company announces an increase of 10 cents a day in the wages of section men, on all sections of the system in Canada, becoming effective April 1.

Letters of administration have been issued to Mrs. Mary C. Lawton, in the matter of the estate of her deceased husband, Major General Henry W. Lawton. Those entitled to the estate, it is explained, are the four children of the deceased general.

The congressional committee on Cuba and Puerto Rican affairs will go to Cuba early next week.

After considerable discussion the convention of Amalgamated Woodworkers of America decided not to admit upholsterers, varnishers and gliders to membership in the Woodworkers' union. The commissioner of internal revenue has decided that the check or receipt given for a bicycle transported on a passenger train along with the owner is not subject to war revenue tax.

The will of Anna S. C. Blake, late of Santa Barbara, Cal., on file in the probate office at Boston, gives \$10,000 each to the Massachusetts general hospital and the orthopedic hospital in Philadelphia.

The sanitary condition of the Argentine ports is officially declared to be bad, and stringent measures have been taken to prevent the spreading of disease to Brazilian ports.

PARALYZED BY A BULLET.

Soldier Speechless and Sightless, but Surgeon Pulled Him Through.
Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Southampton recently from South Africa was Private O'Leary, whose case is remarkable.

He was shot in the head during the battle at Colenso. The bullet lodged in his brain, rendering him speechless, sightless and paralyzed, says a London dispatch to the Philadelphia Press. His life was despaired of, but Sir William MacCormac, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who was acting as volunteer surgeon with the British army in South Africa, removed a portion of the wounded man's brain, extracted the bullet, and O'Leary has since practically recovered his lost senses.

Let Husbands Rejoice.
Who says the year 1900 isn't a jubilee year? It is now announced that Easter bunnets this spring will be cheaper than ever before.—St. Louis Republic.

When Cronje Stood at Bay.
Oh, who will tell the living hell
Where the burghers fought and died,
Their forms dim seen through the livid green
Of the smoke that did not hide?
And who will sing of the words that ring—"I'll fight to a finish!" Aye!
'Twas a fight to the death—to the last long breath—
And that was the battle!

Eight thousand men in the larger then, and six to one outside;
The shot and shell they answered well
Ere the blood of the burghers dyed;
The quiet stream with a crimson gleam
As of many tars that fell.
And Cronje's horse men found their grave
In that one square mile of hell!

In years to come when the battle drum
In the dust of peace is lost,
When the fighting flag is a fading rag,
No more in conflict tossed,
Then men will sing, and their words will ring,
Of the daring stand on the bloody sand
When Cronje stood at bay!

They'll tell with pride how the burghers died
As heroes died of old,
How often they knelt on the rolling veldt
And prayed their land to hold.
But their eyes will flash like a snail's shell
When the blades in war are raised
At the splendid thought of how Cronje fought
While the world looked on amazed.

It's a glorious tale that a man will tell
With delight when his heart is sad;
It will thrill him through till he'll dare and do,
And his heart once more be glad.
It's a story told that will never grow old
That hopeless, peerless fray—
That awful while in the one square mile
Where Cronje stood at bay.

—Baltimore American

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BRITONS' PATRIOTISM

Finds Full Vent on the Occasion of Queen Victoria's Visit to London

London, March 9.—The editorials in this morning's newspapers admit that yesterday's demonstrations in honor of Queen Victoria were quite without precedent; and they team with patriotic expressions of gratification at the queen's opportune and tactful contribution toward the unity of the empire. The Daily Telegraph says: The demonstration has never been equalled in the annals of any other nation. Not even the queen herself has ever known a demonstration of love and loyalty so deep, so immediate, so poignant, so inexpressible in solicitude and tenderness, so touching and so thrilling. The bonds between the empire and the queen today are those of loving, breathing, chivalrous devotion.

In many ways these demonstrations outdid those of the diamond jubilee, although there were only a dozen life guards, followed by a little old lady in the plainest black costume, who had come for a few days' stay at Buckingham palace, as she had done many times before.

Yet her hold upon the hearts of her people was probably never more strikingly manifested. The depth of feeling which these demonstrations represented could only be gauged by those who mingled with the crowd. Mothers in deep mourning for sons killed on the far-off veldt struggled bravely with the most hilarious to catch a glimpse of the queen, whose womanly sympathy and thoughtfulness for the soldiers had touched their hearts. Often the long, cold vigils were rendered futile by tears that dimmed the eyes and blurred the vision as the royal carriage passed.

Thousands braved the raw east wind and stood for hours waiting patiently, who have often seen the queen, and who, in ordinary circumstances, would scarcely budge to watch her pass. In short it was not so much a desire to see the monarch, as it was an overwhelming need of an outlet for jubilation over the war, and a natural inclination to let the queen see and share the gladness of her people, that prompted London spontaneously to make the day one of the most memorable celebrations of Victoria's reign.

The semi-official duties undertaken by the queen during the day would have tried the resources of many a woman far under 81 years of age. Starting early from Windsor by train she reached the metropolis shortly after noon. Until she reached Buckingham palace there was never a moment of quiet. Cheers spread along her route. Previous to her arrival Lord Roberts, General Buller and other heroes of the war had monopolized the lung power of the waiting crowds; and such crowds were never seen in London even on jubilee day. Whenever a soldier or a sailor appeared he was almost mobbed.

The scene in the quadrangle of the palace, after the queen's arrival, when lords and commoners joined in singing the national anthem, was unprecedented, and will probably never be repeated during the present reign. Viscount Cross and Mr. Chamberlain acted as spokesmen and graciously greeted the royal visitor; but it was Lady Buller that the queen quickly turned with a grateful smile. Then in the presence of the legislators of the United Kingdom, drawing the wife of the reliever of Ladysmith closer to her, she whispered words of thanks.

After scarcely three hours of rest her majesty made a tour of the city proper, amid the greatest enthusiasm. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the crowds through which she passed before returning to Buckingham palace, but the numbers were well up in the hundreds of thousands.

The crowd outside Buckingham palace had increased shortly before midnight to 300,000 people, all singing patriotic songs. Finally the Prince of Wales and Duke of York came upon the balcony and vociferous cheering followed. A few minutes later they disappeared; and then the queen herself, accompanied by several ladies, made her appearance. This was the signal for the national anthem—a perfect roar of song—and for never to be forgotten cheers. Then the blinds of the palace were drawn, but thousands remained to sing and cheer.

It is now said that her majesty will extend the visit to Ireland to three weeks, and will take the opportunity of her presence there to announce her consent to the formation of a regiment of Irish guards. It is also expected that she will hold a drawing room in Dublin castle, or, at least, open it in person. This would be the most magnificent and brilliant state ceremonial ever held in Ireland's metropolis.

Famous Racer Sold For Nearly \$200,000.
London, March 9.—At the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses, which took place yesterday at Kingsclere, Flying Fox was bought by Edmond Blanc for \$106,900. Blanc is the son of the founder of Monte Carlo.

Hill Gets Life Imprisonment.
Barnstable, Mass., March 8.—The trial of Joseph Hill for wife murder was abruptly terminated Wednesday afternoon when, after a conference, the defendant retracted his former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. Hill was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment, the first day to be solitary confinement.

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MISSOURI APPLES FOR PARIS.

Seventy Barrels Will Be Exhibited at the Exposition.

The other morning a shipment containing 70 barrels of the finest apples that could be selected from Missouri orchards last fall was sent to New York from Kansas City by the members of the Missouri State Horticultural society.

The apples, placed in refrigerator compartments on board the steamer St. Paul, will be sent to Havre, and upon reaching the French port they will be placed in cold storage, to remain until needed at the Paris exposition. It is the intention of the society to have Missouri apples on daily exhibition from the opening of the fair, May 1, till its close, Nov. 1.

The apples have been held all winter in cold storage in Kansas City. In repacking the fruit only three bushels out of the 70 barrels were found to be unfit for shipping. L. A. Goodman of Kansas City, secretary of the Missouri State Horticultural society, who has had charge of the collection, storing and shipping of the fruit, says that the apples were gathered from orchards in 30 counties of the state, but largely from "the big red apple district" of southern Missouri.

"It is the aim of the society," he says, "to exhibit only the commercial varieties—that is, those kinds which would be most sought after in foreign countries. The bulk contained in the 70 barrels consists principally of Ben Davis, Gano, Winesaps, York Pippin, Claydon, Ingram, Willow Twig, Huntsman Favorite and Mammoth Black Twig. In addition, for the purpose of display, the shipment includes five barrels containing 20 other varieties."

The apples were all contributed by different members of the society. Last autumn, when apple packing was at its height, owners of orchards selected from one to five barrels of their choicest apples and gave them to the society for the purpose of aiding in advertising Missouri fruit. The members of the society are naturally well pleased over the prospects of the Missouri display of apples. It will be the largest of any state in the Union with the possible exception of New York, and, as the secretary says, it will be the finest exhibit in the world without exception.

BIBLE FOR USE IN MOROCCO.

Missionary to Africa Now Making Translation Into the Vernacular.

Arrangements have been nearly perfected for the publication in Kansas City of an edition of the Bible in the vernacular of the common people of Morocco. The vernacular is a dialect, or a corruption of the Arabic. It differs, however, from pure Arabic almost as widely as English from Anglo-Saxon, or perhaps better, as Yiddish from Hebrew.

The translators have expert penmen at work making true copies of their work on cardboard in India ink. Each of these cards will represent a page in the new book; then sheet by sheet will be transferred by photo engraving to plates of zinc, says the Chicago Tribune. And from the plates thus made the book will be printed.

The translation is being made by a missionary to the Sudan, Morocco and other parts of Africa.

DEMAND FOR DEADLY BOLOS.

How More Blacksmiths Fashion Them Out of Old Steel.

One of the curiosities of life among the Moros is the little blacksmith shop that forms an important adjunct to every town of importance, writes the Jolo (Mindanao, Philippine Islands) correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer. The shop is usually one large room, in one corner of which is the forge.

The forge is made on the ground, and in it blazes a fire made of bamboo charcoal. In order to keep the fire hot the smith makes use of a most novel pair of bellows. Two large, upright sections of bamboo are equipped with plungers like those of a pump, and a native, sitting at the top of the tubes, alternately works the plungers up and down, producing exactly the same blow effect as the ordinary bellows of an American shop.

The anvils are arranged on the dirt floor near the forge. They are three pieces of iron, resembling immense railroad spikes. In front of these sit the blacksmiths. The workers assume that peculiar position so common among orientals at all times, and they hammer away with their little hammers for dear life. They wear no clothes, save the breech cloth, and, unlike the village blacksmith, seem to take their task with great seriousness.

One thinks of the "Armorer's Song" from "Robin Hood" as he watches the progress of transferring an old rattail file into a keen edged dirk, for it is the work of making arms that gives principal employment to the smith. From all sorts of old steel he fashions the deadly blow, the universal weapon of the country. With infinite patience he hammers away until the rusty old metal has been called into life and a shiny, wicked blade has succeeded it.

So skilled are the blacksmiths in this work that many of their weapons present designs that would do credit to makers who had the very best equipped shops. It was surprising, for instance, to learn that the peculiar, snake shape of the finer blades was made by heating the edge of the hot metal with the round handle of an old Remington rod baronet.

A great many of these weapons are being purchased and sent back to the United States. They promise to be

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quite a fad with relic hunters. They vary in size, and the price ranges from 50 cents up to \$15 each.

NOVEL SWEET PEA FARM.

Miss Echo Simmons is Raising 40,000 Plants Near Minneapolis.

Miss Echo Simmons has an innovation in the way of a sweet pea farm which she conducts on a large scale at her home in Minneapolis. The raising of sweet peas for cutting she has carried on for several years, and this year she proposes to enlarge her plan by planting gardens for others.

In order to do this most successfully and to give them something superior to what they have been accustomed to raise themselves she is raising 40,000 plants, which she will transplant to the gardens of her customers and to her own farm as early in April as the weather will permit, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. The transplanting not only gives the advantage of several weeks' start in growth, but gives much greater strength and vigor to the plants.

In her own garden Miss Simmons is preparing to plant two miles of sweet peas for cut flowers. This year she will make a special feature of a new variety of asters that closely resemble chrysanthemums in form and brilliant coloring. She is preparing to plant 3,500 of these.

Miss Simmons' business is distinctively that of a gardener, not a florist. She disclaims the requisite skill and knowledge of growing flowers under glass. Miss Simmons has a small greenhouse, but it is simply for the protection of the young plants from the cold. No attempt is made to bring any of them to maturity under glass.

A Temperance Exhibit at Paris.

The World's Woman's Temperance Union will have an interesting exhibit at the Paris exhibition, showing the progress made in the cause of temperance by their organization, says The Scottish-American. There are 55 countries and colonies affiliated with the union, and each is to send literature in its own language for free distribution. A temperance cafe will also be a feature of the temperance pavilion which will be erected.

Decorations to Be Restored.

The old question of restoring the traceries to the windows in the palace of the doges at Venice is again agitating artistic Italy. The exterior of the palace as it stands today was begun in the early part of the thirteenth century and required 100 years for its completion, says the Indianapolis News. In 1577 fire destroyed all but the walls. Up to that time the windows were enriched with beautiful tracery.

War Stimulates Mule Breeding.

Curious as it may appear to many people, it is nevertheless extremely probable that the war in South Africa may have the effect of giving an immense stimulus to mule breeding in Great Britain, says the New York Journal. The truth is that the military authorities have discovered that the demand for really eligible mules far exceeds the supply.

A Useful Present.

A Birmingham firm has presented to each member of the Worcestershire reformatory a small burning glass, protected by tortoise shell covers and inclosed in a khaki case, says the Philadelphia Record. The directions on the outside of the case are, "Focus glass in the sun and light your pipe."

Dr. Hooker's Cough and Croup Syrup

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Colds are serious things. They lead to worse things. A cold is the seed of consumption. Croup is a child's half-brother—it is generally caused by cold, and many a little life has been snuffed out by it because a proper remedy was not at hand.

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GARMENT DEPARTMENT. Sale of Jackets, Suits and Skirts A FEW SAMPLES FOLLOW

Our object is soon told. 'Tis to make room for our magnificent spring stock. Ladies' Jackets in tan, brown, green and blues. The balance will be sold very quickly at \$4.00. To avoid possible disappointment come early.

Condensed Suit and Golf Cape Facts

All wool golf capes that were \$8, \$10 and \$12, special \$5.98. Plush capes worth \$10, special at \$4.98. All wool tailor made suits were \$10, special \$6.00.



Waists Without Comment

In black and colored taffetas corded back and front, new dress sleeve, flare cuffs, special \$2.98. In plain colored taffetas and latest stripes, in colored and black satins, together presenting all varieties of model and trimming originality, special \$2.98 and \$3.98.

Collarettes and Scarfs

\$4.00 collarettes reduced to \$1.98. \$7.00 and \$8.00 collarettes reduced to \$3.50. \$12 and \$15 collarettes reduced to \$7.50. \$7.00 scarfs \$3.98. \$5.00 scarfs \$2.98.

500 SKIRTS

A new invoice of 500 skirts replete with novelties, now joins our earlier shown assortment. Ladies' rainy day skirts were \$3.00, special \$1.98. Ladies' skirts of Venetian cloth and cheviot trimmed with bands of stitched taffeta and braid (an already popular novelty) worth \$4, a prize at \$2.50. Ladies' colored and black figured skirts. value \$1.98, special \$1.25.



WRAPPERS

Flannelette and percale wrappers in dark and medium effects, fitted linings, goods full skirts, regular price \$1.25, special 98c. Print wrappers, regular price \$1, special 69c.

Dress Goods and Linings

First Sale From Full Stocks. Choice Assortment in all the New Shades

40-inch Black Crepons in new designs, regular price, \$2.00, special \$1.25. 40-inch Black Crepons, regular \$1.50, goods, special 98c yard. 45-inch Black Brilliantine, extra fine quality and lustre regular price \$1.25, special 89c yard. Extra good quality Black Brilliantine, regular price 75c, special 59c.

Underskirts New and Pretty

A new and large assortment bought at lowest prices enables us to offer you

garments that cannot be equalled at anything like the figures here quoted. Black Satteen Skirts, regular price 75c, special 50c. Black Satteen Skirts, regular price \$1.25, special \$75. Black Mercerized Skirts, regular price \$1.50, special 98c.

Linings

Lining Cambrics, best quality, 5c yard. Shrink Canvas, 15c, regular price 20c. Silecia 10c yard. Near Silk, all colors, 15c, regular price 20c yard.

Specials for Housekeepers

Bleached and Unbleached Sheets, size 90x30, 39c each. Pillow Cases, 10c each, worth 15c. Bleached Cotton, yard wide, 6c, worth 8c, yard. 42-inch Pillow Case, cotton, 8c, yard, worth 12 1/2c. All-Linen Crash, worth 12 1/2c, special 8c. All-Linen Crash, brown, worth 8c, special 5 1/2c. Yard Wide Percales, worth 12 1/2c, special 9c yard.

Bleached and Unbleached Damask, 25c worth 35c. Turkey Red Damask, 15c yard. Best Red Damask, fast color, 39c, worth 50c yard. Dark Colored Flannelette, 5c yard. Shaker Flannel, 3 1/2c yard, worth 7c. Apron Gingham, 5c yard. Printed Lawn, worth 10c to 15c, yard, special 5c yard. Cotton Batting, 7c roll. Comfortables, 75c, worth \$1.00. Blankets 50c, pair. All wool California Blankets, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, special \$3.50 pair. Chenille Draperies, \$3.00 and \$4.00, reduced to \$2.00 and \$3.00 pair. Linoleum, worth 75c, special 56c square yard. Straw Matting, worth 18c and 25c, special 12 1/2c and 19c, yard. Rope Warp, Japan Matting, regular price 35c, special 25c yard. 20c shades, reduced to 12 1/2c. 35c shades, reduced to 25c. 50c shades reduced to 35c. Extension Rods for sash curtains 5c, each. Hemp Stair Carpet, 12 1/2c worth 18c yd.

Hosiery and Underwear

Men's Camels Hair Hose, 12 1/2c pair. Men's black and colored Hose, regular price 15c, 3 for 25c. Men's working Shirts, dark and light colors, 25c. Men's Flannel Night Shirts, regular price 75c, special 49c. Men's Laundered and unlaundered Shirts 5c, special 49c. Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Pants 25c, value special 19c. Misses Ribbed Vests, 15c each. Misses Union Suits, 19c. Ladies' fancy colored Hose, 2 prs 25c. Childrens All Wool Hose, 19c pair. Fancy Colored near Silk Skirts, real value 75c and \$1.25, special 50c and 98c. Colored and Black Skirts with 12 in pleated flounce, value \$2.25, special \$1.50.

Notions

Corsets, regular price \$1.00, special 79c. Golf Corsets in fancy colors, 48c. Kid Gloves, 68c pair. Ladies' Stock Collars 25c each. Good Pins 3 papers for 5c. 50c Buckles reduced to 25c. Cotton Tray Cloths 3 for 25c. Great Bargains in Cut Work. Leather Belts 10c each. Ladies' Fancy Hose supporters, 15c pair. Hamburg 8c 12c and 15c reduced to 5c 7c and 9c yd. Laundry Soap 2 cakes for 5c. White Crochet Cotton, 3c spool.

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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From seal of the city of North Adams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAR. 9, 1900

ADVERTISERS in the Transcript are the best business men in the community. Their advertisements are worth reading and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

SENATOR LODGE'S SPEECH

All that can be said in favor of Senator Lodge's speech on the Philippine question is that it is exhaustive and masterly, and an expression of the constructive and progressive school in our public life. We have waited to hear the criticisms from the other school, the school of the obstructionists and non-progressives. They were forced by the magnitude of the occasion to speak but in their speaking they say nothing. Lodge gave us argument, they give us generalities. Lodge met facts; they remain in their dreams. The obstructionists and non-progressives are unequal to the occasion. Their opportunity is now, but they can't improve it. Now is the moment for them to fit the vision to the fact and prove to the people the superiority of their morals and wisdom. But when we turn to them for their offering we find them still aloof on shifting clouds presenting us prismatic vapor for diamonds.

THE VERSATILE PREACHER

The Transcript acknowledges the receipt of the following:

"Probably Dr. Gladden is setting out to run a city council as Jesus would. It's the latest fad, this kind of thing, and it never occurs to the ministers to work it on the church."

Editor Transcript—
The above, which I clip from the editorial columns of this evening's Transcript, is surely unworthy of your paper. That any one, especially in this community, should imply that Dr. Gladden is either a faddist or an imitator of a certain well-advertised youthful westerner, shows singular ignorance of the position which Dr. Gladden holds in this country and of the value of his contributions toward the solution of economic and social questions of the day. The publication of a paragraph so little cognizant of this, and so little courteous to him, here, where he has so many friends, and so near the college of which he is an honored trustee, requires, it would seem some word of extenuation. May we not have it?
Truly Yours,

"Tuesday, 6 March, 1900."

We should be sorry if our remarks deserved a rebuke from even the most partisan friend of Dr. Gladden. The Transcript takes much pride in the work and reputation of the famous men who occupied the North Adams Congregational pulpit. We duly value the literary and spiritual qualities of Dr. Munger, the industry and fitness of Dr. Gladden in popularizing the social idea and the rare and inspiring original power of the late Dr. Coyte. But when we are grouping phenomena we must pay particular attention to the heading of our classification and practically disregard all other differentiating characteristics. So when we list the preachers who step from the pulpit to take a hand in a superior way in the secular affairs of men we must include Dr. Gladden. In this respect, if in this respect only, he is to be classed with "a certain well-advertised youthful westerner," Rev. C. M. Sheldon, though, no doubt, the "youthful westerner" yields himself much more readily to the listing. And let us here remark that the "youthful westerner" has done a peculiar service with respect to the versatile preacher. He has given the imperfect and resourceless layman a means of characterizing the versatile preacher by the adoption, in his newspaper experiment, of his now famous question, "What would Jesus do?" Hereafter the floundering and wayward people will know the demonstrating minister by the pith of that question. And it is most proper that he should be known by such; for if he has any special call to participation in the political and other activities it is to show to those engaged in these activities just what Jesus would do.

We are not sure that the warm defender of Dr. Gladden in politics, who accuses us of ignorance and discourtesy, is clear in the right to refer to Rev.

Mr. Sheldon as "a certain well-advertised youthful westerner." The question of motive must be decided. We do not believe the Rev. Mr. Sheldon's newspaper experiment will be of the slightest value in the direction in which it is advertised to be of value, and we believe that the disinterested person is likely to be just as skeptical regarding the value of Dr. Gladden's entry into Columbus politics. Yet the personal friends of both men, knowing their motives, have the right, if they choose to exercise it, to uphold both in the work they are undertaking. But while this is conceded it is not necessary to overlook that which is implied in the descent of these clergymen and others from the pulpit into the lower worlds. Dr. Gladden in a published interview says he has nothing but the public to serve. That is what Rev. Mr. Sheldon says and that is what they all say. Dr. Gladden says he has given much thought to important matters and believes he can be of service to the people. That is what Rev. Mr. Sheldon says and what they all say. Dr. Gladden says the people know the principles which will guide his action, that he will make no canvass, pay no assessments and ask for no votes. That is just what Mr. Sheldon would say were he running for office and it is what they all say. Now see the implication! It is plain enough to be seen without pointing out, and it is not too much to say that it is an insult to all men engaged in the pursuits or public business to which these clergymen request admittance. The arrogation of such self-righteousness and self-competence, and the assuming of the supreme take-me-or-leave-me attitude, implies sweeping condemnation of all other men and gives us to understand that the man who comes into a life work by way of a theological seminary is not a person of common clay. We take this to be a species of crankiness developed from companionship with many books and few men, and it pleases us to note that it is a thing taken very good naturedly by those against whom it inveighs. But we would respectfully submit that there are editors in Kansas just as high minded, honest and competent as Rev. Mr. Sheldon and that there are men in the municipal governments of Ohio just as high-minded, honest and competent as Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, not even counting Jones of Toledo. And when we say this we do not mean to say that Dr. Gladden is not competent to be a councilman, nor that Mr. Sheldon has not the making of an editor in him. However, we venture to state that both of these gentlemen, if they assume their duties wisely and earnestly and do not jump to the position of the far-away critic, will find many stubborn obstacles in the way of giving study dreams or theories sudden material form—obstacles against which there are many conscientious and capable men opposing themselves with all their might.

There is no reasonable argument against a man from any walk of life entering politics or doing the work which any man may do. The argument is wholly against the need, wisdom and spirit of the departure. The intelligent public, we are influenced to believe, do not welcome the surrendering or the partial surrendering of the pulpit responsibilities for a share in the other responsibilities of men no matter what may be the motive that decides it. They regard it, we think, as equivalent to a confession that the pulpit is not bearing its proper fruit and as a forsaking of the fundamentals to make something of a showing in comparatively superficial things. There is no escaping the conclusion that if the occupants of the pulpit find it necessary to rush as a saving element into company with men in the material affairs these occupants have occupied the pulpit to little purpose or that we are a rebellious people among whom there are hardly fifty righteous. To our mind there are men in two fields of labor who should never enter other fields—the ministers of the gospel and the editors of newspapers. This applies to the ministers most particularly. The church and the newspaper are institutions which are all-inclusive, and the dividing of the energies or loyalty means a sacrifice of the whole to a part. By such division that perfect singleness of purpose and that perfect independence is greatly impaired if not wholly destroyed. The penalty is greater for the minister than for the newspaper man, for the reason that there is nothing greater than the church and to divide time or interest with it and any other thing is a sacrifice of opportunity for usefulness that few men should be willing to make. Out in Rev. Mr. Sheldon's state a young man gained national fame not very long ago by writing a newspaper article on "What ails Kansas?" It seems about time now for some one to gain wider fame by writing a newspaper article on "What ails the church?" Governors of states are proclaiming days for religious observance because of an alleged decline of the religious spirit; councils of bishops, church councils and presidents of colleges are bemoaning and explaining a marked falling off in church attendance, and in the current number of the Outlook there is an appeal, in almost pitiful tone for personal support of the church. Still in face of all this there is a scramble of ministers for reporter's positions at public events, for editorial chairs, for the glories of the war cor-

respondent, for seats in city councils, state legislatures, halls of congress and many places of less dignity and social value. And it is in face of this that a man like Dr. Gladden sets the seal of approval by his own action on the leap from the pulpit to politics. Where should a Gladden be under the circumstances? Rallying the hosts of the church, deepening their spirituality, illustrating the surpassing beauty and dignity of the labor of their choice to the end that the church may speedily become a power so great and so controlling that there need be no more special envoys coming from the church as from a far off land to put the question "What would Jesus do?" Demonstrate Jesus in the church to the full and the city councils, newspapers and all the other things will take care of themselves. Compromising his position as a great teacher is the one thing Jesus would not do.

We want that proof.

One man fatally wounded and six others injured is not the right kind of report to come from a labor war.

"Proof!" If you have forgotten the least thing about "proof" do as you used to do about "milk" ask your neighbor.

Someone has suggested ex-President Harrison as republican presidential timber for the present building and the democrats and anti-imperialists are making a great deal of it. But they needn't. Harrison will support and vote for McKinley and will be satisfied with himself when the defeated battalions will be chattering in their rage.

Major-General Miles is the latest mentioned hope of the democrats who don't want Bryan. It's no use, gentlemen. Bryan is the only democratic party there is. He will be defeated, but we couldn't have the least objection to Miles or any of the other possibilities. It will be easy with Bryan, but it would be a picnic without him. But, by-the-way, isn't it funny that these war-hating democrats should strive to make an ally out of a man to whom is attached the hero glamor.

The London Daily News understands that the Transvaal and Orange Free State have made informal overtures for peace, but on impossible terms. If the News has heard correctly this may do as much to explain Lord Roberts' comparative inactivity as the suggested perfecting of his transport. It would be needless to push with vigor if peace were in sight. However, it may be guessed that, if the peace overtures are no more than idle rumor, there will be hard fighting very soon. Offers for peace on impossible terms yesterday may change to offers of peace on possible terms today, providing the enemy may be hit hard enough to make him love war less and peace more.

The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church have appointed the last week in March as a season of abstinence and prayer. The address they have issued giving their reasons for the call is able and impressive. With some changes of names, it might fitly be read in all the Christian churches of America. We wish it might take the place of a sermon in many Congregational churches. It is sent out because of the marked decline in recent years in the growth of church membership. That decline is not confined to any one denomination. Its meaning, lessons and the remedy for it are the same for the whole Christian church. And we do not see how these can better be expressed than they have been in this address. The gist of it is their statement that the cause of the trouble "is simply lack of spiritual power, of personal experience, lack of the witness of the Spirit, lack of the seal of the covenant." "Our greatest need," they say, "is the sense of our need." If the bishops had postponed the date of this week of prayer two weeks it would coincide with the time when a large part of the Christian church will be meditating on the scenes of our Lord's sufferings and crucifixion for the sins of the world.—The Congregationalist.

My Part

The Chief Musician did the chords invent;
The Chief Musician shaped the instrument;
He set me in my place before the score,
I hear the one word, "Play!" He said no more.

He did the air to other hands consign;
I may not even hint the full design.
There is no meaning in the notes I play,
Which I must still rehearse from day to day.

And some who tire of their monotonous tone
Would have me change to music of my own:
Full-chorded discord would it better be?
Let others play it, it is not for me.

But I will strive to render perfect still
My unmelodious part with patient will:
So in that concert, grand, remote, and far,
The harmony divine I shall not mar.

—Ida Ballheim in Living Church.

RED HOT FROM THE GUN.
Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile Cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Burlington & Darby, Druggists.

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ALTERATION SALE

Tomorrow, Saturday, at Our Store will be a Busy Day
These are the Prices that will Do It.

Colored Dress Goods

25 pieces 40 inch Serges, all new colors, regular price 39 cents.

Alteration Sale 25c yard

25 pieces Henrietta, new spring shades, regular price 37½ cents.

Alteration Sale 25c yard

20 pieces all wool Tricot Suiting in all colors regular price 39 cents.

Alteration Sale 29c yard

40 pieces all wool Arcadia Suiting, all colors, regular price 60 cents.

Alteration Sale 37 1-2c yard

10 pieces 46 inch Serge in colors, regular price 45 cents.

Alteration Sale 29c yard

10 pieces all wool silk finish Henrietta regular price 65 cents.

Alteration Sale 49c yard

50 pieces 46 inch all wool India Twill, colors, regular price 75 cents.

Alteration Sale 49c yard

50 pieces Bicycle Suiting, regular price 15 cents yard,

Alteration Sale 12 1-2c yard

25 pieces wool India Twills in colors, regular price 50 cents yard.

Alteration Sale 39c yard

10 pieces 54 inch Venetian Cloth in colors, regular price 75 cents.

Alteration Sale 59c yard

10 pieces 46 inch all wool Henrietta, regular price \$1.90 yard.

Alteration Sale 75c yard

10 pieces Storm Serges in blues and blacks regular price \$1.00.

Alteration Sale 75c yard

Black Dress Goods

Black Storm Serge, regular price 75 cents.

Alteration Sale 49c yard

Black Storm Serge, regular price \$1.00

Alteration Sale 75c yard

Black Mohair, regular price 50 cents,

Alteration Sale 39c yard

Black Mohair, regular price 75 cents.

Alteration Sale 49c yard

Shirt Waists

New Cotton Shirt Waists to open the season,
Ladies' Colored Shirt Waists made of percale—just the thing for home wear, regular price 75c,

Alteration Sale 50c

Ladies' White Lawn Shirt Waists, with one row of insertion, regular price 85c,

Alteration Sale 59c

Winter Shirt Waists

200 Winter Shirt Waists, all sizes. Colors—blue, red, brown and plaids, regular prices \$1 to 1.25,

Alteration Sale 49c each

Hosiery

Ladies' black fleece lined rib top Hose, regular price 19 cents pair,

Alteration Sale 15c

Ladies' polka-dot Hose, regular price 10 cents pair,

Alteration Sale 15c pair

3 pairs for 39 cents.

Stamped Linens

Children's Bibs, a variety of patterns, regular price 15 cents,

Alteration Sale 9c each

Ladies' Combing Jackets, regular price 25 cents

Alteration Sale 19c

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, regular price 39 cents each,

Alteration Sale 25c

Cut Work

Pillow Shams, Bureau Scarfs and Table Covers, regular price 50 cents,

Alteration Sale 21c each

Small Wares

Hooks and Eyes, worth 5 cents, at 1 cent.

Hooks and Eyes, worth 10 cents, at 5 cents.

Coats Crochet Cotton, at 1 cent card.

Basting thread, at 2 cents spool.

Bone Casing 1 cent yard.

Needle Books 5 cents each.

Shears 10 cents pair.

Dress Shields 10 cents pair.

Hose supporters, regular price 15 cents pair,

Alteration Sale 10c pair

Ladies' Hose supporters, of fancy silk elastic, regular price 20 cents.

Alteration Sale 15c pair

Ladies' fancy silk Hose Supporters, regular price 25 cents,

Alteration Sale 19c pair

Cotton Elastic, all widths, regular price 10 cents yard,

Alteration Sale 5c yard

Back Combs 9 cents each.

Side Combs, 9 cents pair.

Fancy Silk Elastic, regular price 20 cents,

Alteration Sale 15c yard

In Our New Basement

Housekeeping Goods

Just Four Times the Room This Department Has Occupied

Cottons

50 pieces heavy Unbleached Sheetting, regular price 7 cents,

Alteration Sale 5c yard

Extra good Unbleached Sheetting, regular price 8 cents,

Alteration Sale 6 1-4c yard

Good Bleached Sheetting, regular price 8 cents,

Alteration Sale 6 1 4c yard

Shamrock Bleached Sheetting, regular price 9 cents yard,

Alteration Sale 7c yard

Fruit of the Loom, regular price 10 cents,

Alteration Sale 8c yard

Pillow Cases

For less than you can buy the cottons, 500 Pillow Cases, size 45x36, regular price 15 cents,

Alteration Sale 11c

500 Pillow Cases, size 45x36, hem-stitched, regular price 15 cents.

Alteration Sale 14c

Fruit of the Loom Pillow Cases, 45x38½, regular price 22 cents.

Alteration Sale 17c

Sheets

100 Sheets, made from good unbleached cotton, regular price 50 cents,

Alteration Sale 39c

100 Sheets, made of good bleached cotton, regular price 60 cents,

Alteration Sale 45c

100 Sheets, made of extra good muslins, regular price 65 cents,

Alteration Sale 55c

100 Sheets, made of Fruit of the Loom muslin, regular price 85 cents,

Alteration Sale 65c

Basement Department

White Goods

White Goods for Aprons, regular price 10 cents,

Alteration Sale 6 1-4c yard

White Goods for Aprons and Children's Dresses, regular price 12½ cents,

Alteration Sale 9c yard

50 pieces English Long Cloth, regular price \$1.50.

Alteration Sale \$1.19 a piece of 12 yards.

Napkins

\$1.25 quality for 95 cents dozen.

\$1.50 quality for \$1.25 dozen.

\$2 quality for \$1.59 dozen.

Pattern Table Cloths

Table Cloths, white with colored borders, regular price \$1.50,

Alteration Sale \$1.19 each

Pattern Table Cloths, to be hemmed, \$2 quality for \$1.40.

\$2.50 quality for \$1.75.

25 fine Table Cloths, with fringe, regular price \$5,

Alteration Sale \$2.98

Toweling

5 cent quality for 3 cents yard.

7 cent quality for 5 cents yard.

8 cent quality for 6½ cents yard.

10 cent quality for 8 cents yard.

12½ cent quality for 11 cents yard.

15 cent quality for 13 cents yard.

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Hamburgs and Insertions in Muslin, Lawn, Nainsook and Swiss Materials.

Anderson's Scotch Gingham; also Domestic Gingham in plain, stripes and checks.

Just received, new patterns of Table Linens, Napkins and Tray Cloths.

Just a few Jackets and Golf Capes left. Low prices are selling them fast.

Best 25 and 50 cent undervest made.

Bennington underwear in white, grey, buff and red, all grades.

Combination suit for \$1.

Latest in Dress Goods, Silks, French Flannels and Trimmings.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A complete traveler's guide, with railroad, street railway and postoffice timetables will be found on page 6.

News item of interest are gladly received by The Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communications on live topics are solicited by The Transcript. They must in every case be accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for withholding them is shown), and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meeting and events intended for the "Tonight's Events" department must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news departments is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1706—Dr. John Campbell, English historical writer, born.
- 1799—Simon Cameron, statesman, born in Lancaster county, Pa.; died 1880.
- 1844—Karl Johann Bernadotte, French soldier and king of Sweden, died; born 1784.
- 1860—Famous mail co. in Washington Roads. The Confederate ironclad, the Merrimack played havoc with the D. H. Strother, wooden Union fleet.
- 1868—General Delos B. Sacket, Federal soldier, died in Washington; born in Cape Vincent, N. Y., April 14, 1822.
- 1867—Henry Ward Beecher died in Brooklyn; born in Litchfield, Conn., 1813.
- 1888—General David Hunter Strother, "Forte-Crayton," died in Charleston, W. Va.; born 1816.
- 1889—John Ericsson, builder of the Monitor and noted inventor, died in New York; born in Sweden 1803.
- 1897—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died at Stamford, Conn.; aged 83.



TONIGHT'S EVENTS.

W. R. C. whist party in G. A. R. hall. Sanford post, G. A. R., meets. St. Paul commandery, K. T., meets. Wells encampment, I. O. O. F., meets. Plumbers' union meets.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The teachers of the Miner school took a sleighride to Stamford last evening.

A deer was recently caught in Pittsfield that is supposed to have gone down all the way from the Vermont line.

The Success club will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:45 this evening. V. A. Whitaker will speak on the subject of banking.

Tickets for the General Gordon lecture will go on sale at the Wilson house drug store tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Springfield societies seeking doctors for "contract work" have received 27 applications from outside physicians.

John Francis Murray, a Williams graduate and well known in this city where he has spoken, was admitted to the bar in Albany this week.

There will be a special meeting of the Retail Clerks' union this evening in the Elks' hall on Main street for the purpose of initiation. A full attendance is desired.

The Carpenters' union has decided to establish a relief fund, from which \$4 a week will be paid to members who are unable to work on account of illness.

Yesterday's New York Evening Journal published an account of Dr. Pfeiffer's fasting, with a picture of him surrounded by four fancy sketches of the way in which the fast is expected to reduce his size.

Rev. G. Glenn Atkins of Greenfield who has preached in the Congregational church of this city, has received a call to Burlington, Vt. He will probably accept. He is one of the college preachers at Williams college.

The Caledonian club will meet tonight in their new hall in the F. M. T. A. block. A full attendance is requested, as matters of importance will come before the club. The Ladies' auxiliary will also meet at the same place.

The debate on the Philippine question has been postponed from March 20 to the week following, March 27, on account of another engagement for Grand Army hall, in which the debate will be held.

Dr. Immanuel Pfeiffer of North Adams is to begin a fast of 21 days in the interest of science. If he doesn't die we may undertake a fast on our own account. It will be cheaper than paying butcher's bills.—Haverhill Gazette.

The co-operative store directors have voted to close the store on Monday evenings at 6.30, instead of Thursday evening as reported by error yesterday, the store always having closed Thursday evenings. The change will begin April 1.

The new club called the Musketeers' club was organized last evening with the following officers: President, Felix Racette; secretary William Lohselt; treasurer, Oscar Bechanta. The club will meet the first Thursday in each month and will hold a social after Lent.

Following the article on bicycles in yesterday's issue a local dealer was around bright and early this morning to protest at the statement that chainless wheels would probably not be used much, as they had not proved satisfactory. He admitted that while some makes had not worked well, the make for which he was agent was positively the most wonderful thing that ever was, etc. This correction is gladly made, after hearing half an hour of the merits of this remarkable wheel.

The following is the list of letters advertised at the North Adams postoffice March 8: Miss C. Brown, Miss Maggie May Cronell, Miss Marie Davis, Mrs. G. A. George, Mrs. William Henry, Mrs. L. Hirsch, Mrs. Annie Jordan, Mrs. Letty R. Pike, Marice C. Adams, Arthur Beckwith, John Breen, W. Bliss, H. A. Brown, Lewis Carey, A. Oration, Stephen Ollander, Henry Cronell, W. C. Davis, W. H. Dermill, Jr., H. Dickinson, Orrin Fletcher, Rev. James Gilday, F. W. Miller & Co., Jacob G. Urshel, Jr., Metropolitan Market, Jan Nodolny.

The second degree was worked on four candidates at the meeting of Olympian lodge, K. of P., last evening.

The officers of U. R. K. of P. will be installed next Tuesday evening by Colonel Keith and staff from the eastern part of the state, and will be accompanied by a banquet at the Darrov.

The F. M. T. A. ladies' aid met last evening and appointed a committee consisting of Miss Sadie Skelly, Miss Eugenie Matthews and Mrs. Reagan to assist at the F. M. T. A. Bazaar. It was also decided to give a May party in Columbia theater the second week in May.

The funeral of Mrs. F. D. Hurley of Holden street, who died at the hospital Wednesday morning, was held at the Methodist church parlors this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Hamilton officiating. The body was placed in the vault and will be taken to Glens Falls, N. Y., for burial in the spring.

Democratic Club Committees

There was a well attended meeting of the democratic club last evening, and a number of committees were appointed. The executive committee was chosen with the exception of the member from ward 1. The committee as chosen is: Charles E. Whitney, John Whitney, J. H. Mack, W. H. Chase, H. S. Smith and W. G. Carroll. The program committee membership committee, and permanent rooms committee were appointed. There was an interesting discussion of the constitution and the amendment proposed by J. H. Mack making admission to the club broader was adopted.

It is the hope of the members to have a club banquet some time this spring, with Congressman Sulzer as the guest of honor.

Didn't Advertise Right

Through the efforts of Senator Post of Lenox, the petition to allow the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway company to extend its tracks to Lenox via South street was refused admission in the state senate Wednesday. In publishing the notice of the filing of this petition with the secretary of state last December, one publication put the notice in only one issue when it should have been published for three successive weeks. On account of this the suspension of certain rules was necessary before it can be admitted. The issue had already done this and while the senate refused, Mr. Tolman will move a reconsideration and hopes to get the matter in all right. He was called away when the matter first came up, by members of the Boston school committee on a matter pending before his committee on education.

TEAMSTERS AND LAUNDRYMEN

To Be Organized By C. L. U. Musician's Troubles

The Central Labor union meeting last evening was well attended, and there was an interesting discussion in regard to the trouble in the musicians' union. A letter was read from the national body authorizing the C. L. U. here to settle the matter, and to act in the matter the committee consisting of Delegates Dobson and White, appointed at the last meeting was enlarged by the appointment of Delegates McDonald, Ward and Vanalstyne. This committee will offer to arbitrate between the two factions, provided both sides will agree to abide by the decision given on the merits of the case.

The organizing committee reported that next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock a meeting would be held to organize the teamsters and laundrymen. The carnival committee has been given the use of room 4 in the C. L. U. quarters, where representatives will be present each evening to act as a bureau of information.

A COSTLY DELAY

New Insurance Rates May Come Soon, But Higher Than Were Promised

Some time ago it became rumored that the new schedule of insurance rates, promised by the New England exchange some years ago and never allowed, was finally in process of preparation, and that it was likely to be forwarded before very long. A local agent therefore took pains to find out just how the matter stood, and received in reply the information that the rates would probably be sent to local agents about April 1. They have been sent on to secretary of the Northern Berkshire district for minor corrections, and have been returned to headquarters in Boston, so that as soon as the final corrections have been made the schedule will be ready for use, so far as is now known.

An agent who has had an opportunity to know something of the new schedule says that the new rates will average higher instead of lower than those at present in force, which is decidedly opposed to the promises from the insurance men at the time the chemical engine was put in. As has been known all along, the new schedule will not make a uniform change, but will relate each risk, and while some will be changed others will not. It is the judgment of the agent quoted that while some rates will be lower, the average will be higher than at present. In speaking of the matter this morning, another agent said that the trouble seemed to be that the companies waited till they had a bad year, which last year is admitted to have been, and then used this as a basis for fixing the new rates. It is said that rates in nearly all the large cities of the country will be increased this summer on account of last year's losses, and that North Adams, instead of benefitting from the improvements made in the fire department, will lose by having any change made because the companies failed to keep their promise to make a change on the basis of the improvements made here.

BICYCLE POLICE.

The New York police don't ride any particular make of bicycle, but the majority do ride the Lyndhurst.

TAKES A DRINK TOMORROW

Dr. Pfeiffer Lost Only 2 1-2 Pounds Today. X-Ray Proposition

Tomorrow afternoon, Dr. Pfeiffer hopes to take a drink, his first in five days. He lost only 2 1/2 pounds during the last 24 hours and feels much pleased at this small loss. He says that he felt in excellent spirits this morning, after a good night's rest.

This afternoon his weight was 150 1/2 pounds, pulse 102, respiration 20, and temperature normal. This morning his pulse was only 70.

In regard to a proposition from local physicians to work the X-ray on his stomach to be sure that he is not eating nails and such hard objects, he says he will welcome the stern light of such internal investigation, and only fears that the doctor who proposed it will not fulfill his promise. He will be glad to submit to the search light at any time without a moment's notice.

THIS TIME IT "GOES"

Board of Health Sends Notices to Stable Owners

The board of health this week took up the matter of local stables and the stable ordinance, discussion of which was begun some weeks ago, and as a result, the following letters have been sent to a large number of the owners and occupants of stables:

To the owners, occupants and keepers of stables in the city of North Adams:— You and each of you are hereby ordered and directed to so arrange the building or buildings and premises owned, occupied or used by you, as to comply with the State, City and Health Ordinances relating to the keeping and maintenance of stables, on or before May 1st, 1900.

DR. T. J. PURNAM, Chairman, ALBERT A. WILLS, CLARENCE P. NILES Secretary. Board of Health, City of North Adams. This notice is practically a duplicate of the one sent about a year ago by the old board of health, and when after a long argument was never enforced. The difference between this and the former attempt will be, according to the board of health, that this time it "goes."

GOLF CLUB JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

New Plan for Sons and Daughters of Members

The board of directors of the golf club met last evening and transacted considerable business. The question of increasing the initiation fee has been under consideration, but the directors voted not to increase it till after the club ball which is to be given April 16. Then the initiation fee will be raised from \$2 to \$5, and the semi-annual dues will be made \$3.

It was also voted to have a junior department of membership in the club, to be made up of sons and daughters of active members for whom the use of the links is desired. The junior initiation fee and dues will be half of the amount for active membership, and the age limit will be from 15 to 18 years.

A Berkshire Property Owner

The Wellington case occupied the entire day, and it was expected that it could be finished today. Among yesterday's witnesses were Mr. R. Ford and C. G. Bartlett, assessors of this city, and David Follett and Eliza Burlingame of Adams to give their opinions on the damage to the property.

The court announced yesterday that jury cases would continue till next Wednesday. Thursday morning court cases will be taken up.

James Burdick took the stand yesterday afternoon in the superior court case of Nancy B. Wellington against the city of Pittsfield, involving the damage to land by the taking of the mill brook water. He testified that previous to 1895 the value of the property was \$8000; it is worth about \$4000 now.

At this point the plaintiff rested and the defense opened. Mr. Crosby outlining the stand taken by the city. There are 34 witnesses for the defense. A. C. Chamberlain of Dalton was the first witness. He thought that in 1895 the property was worth \$2500. It was damaged \$400. Gilbert West of Pittsfield then took the stand. He testified he is 77 years of age.

"How much land do you own in Berkshire county?" asked Mr. Crosby. "I own some in Richmond, some in Lenox, some in Hancock, some in Pittsfield, some in Lanesboro some in New Ashford, some in Williamstown, some in Cheshire, and some in Dalton," was the reply.

He thought that in 1895 the property under discussion was worth \$2500 or \$3000; it has been damaged \$200 or \$300.

Buffalo "McKinley" Sold

William C. Whitney of New York, who owns a large game preserve on October mountain, has sold his large buffalo bull named "McKinley" to the officers of the New York zoological society. This buffalo is one of the largest in the United States. It weighs 2000 pounds and is said to have cost Mr. Whitney \$10,000. The animal was brought to Berkshire county four years ago from Montana, and it has lost little of its vicious nature. The inclosing fence of the preserve has had to be strengthened several times to keep it in captivity.

St. Patrick Banquets

The banquet committee of Division 10, A. O. H., held a meeting last night to arrange for the St. Patrick's day banquet. This will be held Saturday evening, March 17, and John A. Ryan of Boston will be the chief speaker, his subject being "St. Patrick." President W. H. Barrett and one other local speaker will be on the program and the music will be under the direction of T. F. Murphy.

Division 4 met last evening and made further preparations for its banquet, which will be held March 16. Mr. Ryan will also speak at this banquet. Several members were admitted to Division 4 last night.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

But This Time It Had an Entirely New Sequel.

The portly man with the bulging overcoat pockets began to lose his center of gravity gradually at the corner of Fifteenth street and New York avenue. One foot slipped from beneath him on the icy pavement, and by the time he had re-established connections with the bricks with that one the other shot from under him. Then they both began to execute a quick and devilish shuttle dance. The man's arms went out, and he seemed to be making a wild but futile effort to pull himself out of the nippy atmosphere. Then he simply sat right down, without any superfluous ceremony or hubbub whatsoever. Of course all the men within a radius of 80 feet adjusted their hands to their sides and ha-ha-ed joyously. There is only one thing on earth that tickles a man's fellow men more than to see him drop kerflop to an icy pavement—it tickles them more if he happens to have a bottle of bug juice in his rear pocket.

This portly man with the bulging overcoat pockets looked around him in a dazed sort of way, as if he were endeavoring to study the thing out. Meanwhile the dozen or 15 men who were waiting for cars just lay back and hollered. The portly man made no effort to rise, and the longer he sat there, looking mystified, the funnier it seemed to the merry gang around. Finally they began to close in on him.

"Made you see constellations, hey?" asked one of them, laughing uproariously at his own humor.

"Just taking a little rest, I s'pose?" inquired another.

"Got a job melting the ice, eh?" asked another.

By this time there were about 20 men standing in a circle around the portly man who had so suddenly taken a sitting posture. Then the portly man, without rising from his sitting position, reached into his overcoat pocket and brought out a small, square package.

"Gentlemen," said he, in a tone of a man who knew just exactly what he had to say by heart, "I have taken this somewhat unusual method to attract your attention to the merits of this new brand of mentholated, carbonized, dethiumjigged corn salve that I am selling at the almost insanely low price of 25 cents a box, money refunded if you don't find instant relief, and—"

Most of the crowd fell back and disappeared, but five of them thought he had earned their quarters and bought corn salve.—Washington Post.

Little Johnnie's Remark.

"Children make the most startling remarks," said one.

"They do," assented the other.

"I know a little fellow who is ill—not very ill, however—with typhoid fever. He has two twin brothers, 4 years of age. One of these twins, named John, is an observant child beyond his years. The other day he noticed one of his aunts approaching the house with a bouquet in her hands, whereupon he exclaimed, 'Here comes Aunt Jess with flowers to bury Gene.'"

Pittsburg Chronicle-Tribune.

Diplomacy That Pays.

"There's one thing about it. You don't have to bother with a furnace if you live in a flat."

"Oh, well, I don't bother with a furnace either, and I live in a house."

"You don't mean to tell me you have a girl that cooks after it, do you?"

"No. You see, we burn natural gas, and I've succeeded in getting my wife, who is very nervous, to believe that I can't be trusted to monkey with the valves, so she attends to it herself."

Chicago Times-Herald.

Her Fear.

"Della—Yes, mum; O'll hov to I've. 'Tis because av thim duds that does be callin on yer daughter."

Missus—Surely they don't bother you!

"Della—No, they don't, mum, but O'm afeared some av me friends'll tink dey come to see me, mum.—Philadelphia Press.

Classifying Himself.

"I understand you are playing to full houses," said the hotel clerk. "You are the leading man, are you not?"

"No, sir. I am the misleading man," replied the heavy villain of the company, who was striding gloomily about the hotel office.—Chicago Tribune.

Rather.

Yeast—See this suit I've got on? Crismonbeak—Of course I see it! What of it?

"Well, my tailor wouldn't let me pay a cent for it."

"What!"

"Why, I refused to take it without pay, but he insisted that I should take it as a gift."

"Well, well, that's rather unusual to have a tailor press a suit of clothes on you!"—Yonkers Statesman.

He Was a Boxer.

"Please play me your favorite now!" He pleadingly brought his box.

"Of course," said he, "I'll play you now a nocturne by a great composer."

He smiled, and then as readily a playful little glance he throws her. He interposed in time of glo.

"A knock-turn is a great composer."

—Richmond Dispatch.

The Chop and the Cherry Tree.

"Popkin loves to be historically correct."

"What's his latest?"

"He had an English chop for breakfast on Washington's birthday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Consistent Profession.

It has often been said of the medical tribe that they seldom will swallow the stuff they prescribe;

Yet, though they may not think their jargon is wise, They will profit derive from their own good advice.

—Chicago Record.

A Raisin.

Sandy Pikes—What did yer feel like when de farmer pulled yer out of de well?

Billy Coalgate—I felt like I was brought up on a farm.—Chicago News.

The Detachment.

He loved her for her wondrous hair, So much like golden wheat.

But when he saw it on a chair, Love's train of thought, just then and there, Was wrecked by a misplaced switch.

—Elliot's Magazine.

The Silent Hero.

We have heard in song and story Of the man behind the gun, And we all cooed the glory Of the wonders he has done. It's a very noble calling To arise with gun in hand, While the men like leaves are falling For the honor of the land; But, remember, there's the glory, When the battle has been won, To be praised in song and story As "the man behind the gun."

There's another sort of hero, And of him the poet's pen Never writes; he's but a zero In the book of "Noble Men." Not for gallant deeds in war meant, He must suffer mental torment Nor so much as raise his hand, Though his enemies should blind him, He must let it go at that. In the theater you'll find him; He's "the man behind the bat."

—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Savage Bachelor.

"If you had been at the Browns' golden wedding celebration last night," said the sweet young thing, "you would have altered your views on matrimony."

"I wouldn't, either," said the savage bachelor. "If matrimony were not a fake, there would not be such a powwow raised over a couple that have managed to endure each other for a few years, and don't you forget it!"—Indianapolis Press.

A SPRING REMEDY

For Blood, Nerves, Liver, Kidneys and Stomach of Surpassing Excellence is Curo Blood Tonic

All physicians agree that this is the season to purify and cleanse the blood. Impure blood is the cause of most diseases.

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Curo Blood Tonic has been publicly praised in this very paper by scores and scores of citizens of this very city. Mrs. John C. Parker of No. 8 Veazie street, North Adams, Mass., says: "For many months I have been an almost constant sufferer from the most severe headaches; my digestion was wretched. Loss of appetite and constipation soon followed and for a long time I was very much discouraged. My whole system was deranged and I suffered greatly. I was advised by a friend to try Curo Blood Tonic and did so. The result was remarkable. Today I am well. All of which I attribute to Curo Blood Tonic. I advise all who suffer as I did to try this great remedy. I wish also to state that my eight-years old daughter, who had been suffering from general debility has been permanently relieved by this tonic."

Nothing is so good as an appetizer, general tonic, nerve soother and laxative as Curo. It aids digestion, builds up the body and makes blood and muscle.

No remedy equals Curo Blood Tonic for the cure of dyspepsia, rheumatism, blood disorders and kidney and liver diseases. It is particularly valuable for pale, weak tired women. Curo cures.

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Hat is coming into great favor already. Before the season has hardly begun we are duplicating our orders. A jet black dressy derby, for young men or middle age, soft as velvet to the head, very flexible fitting perfectly the most difficult heads. Ask to see the Mallory, warranted unbreakable, thoroughly guaranteed for wear and fast color. A great stock of hats and caps, newest and best for men and boys.

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of the Dominion line. Four weeks will be spent in Paris at the Trocadero Hotels, facing the exposition grounds.

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Are said by some authorities to be a cause of baldness. Most of the blood that reaches the scalp forward of the crown, passes through the temporal arteries. The hat pressing upon these, shuts off a part of the supply and the scalp and hair are slowly starved. This can be partially overcome by the use of a brush which will stimulate and strengthen the circulation in the scalp giving it new and prolonged life.

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STRONG MAN'S EXHIBITION.

About 50 persons attended the exhibition given by C. A. Sampson, the strongest man on earth, in the opera house Thursday evening. It was very discouraging to Mr. Sampson and he expressed his regrets at the small attendance. However, he gave a good exhibition. He began by toying with a couple of 34 pound dumb bells. He lifted heavier ones and then lifted a 34 pound shaft with one hand. He also took rods of iron and bent them by striking them on the muscles of his legs and arms. He made a Roman column lift that was the greatest thing of the kind ever seen here. He broke chains on the muscles of his right arm and pulled chains apart. He also broke a 10 cent piece in two with his fingers. He smashed two large chains with a blow of his fist. He offers to engage in a tug of war against any 14 men in town. He will give a matinee tomorrow afternoon. Children will be admitted for 10 cents. Tomorrow evening he will give another exhibition of his strength. The admission will be 25 cents to all parts of the hall. The exhibition is first class and is no fake and he ought to have a large audience. Women will be as welcome as the men.

GOOD THING, PUSH IT ALONG.

The following is a communication written to the Freeman by Principal John C. Hull of the local high school: I would like through your columns to call attention to what seems to me a serious omission from the course of study in our high school. I refer to the absence hereof of any of the so-called business studies; such as book-keeping, type-writing, stenography, commercial law, commercial arithmetic and kindred subjects. I realize perfectly well that a high school can not make bookkeepers and expert stenographers of its students. The reasonable man does not expect this of the school. I do believe, however, that the introduction of such studies into our own high school would be of practical value to many boys and girls of this community. It would at least enable some of them to determine whether or not they wished to become bookkeepers or stenographers or typewriters; and if so, to prepare themselves for further study along these lines in the best business college to be found. More than this, such studies would tend to acquaint pupils with those general principles of bookkeeping and business transactions that good citizenship demands of us all.

The school committee and superintendent, I think, ready to take steps towards the accomplishment of what I have herein suggested, if the town favors it.

The school has long done its best for the boy or girl who wished to go to college and for him or her to become a teacher; let us now do something for those who wish to do neither.

BIG SLEIGHRIDE TOMORROW.

The annual big sleighride for the children and teachers of the Congregational Sunday school will probably be held tomorrow afternoon provided the sleighing holds out. This ride is given by Hon. W. B. and C. T. Plunkett and is looked forward to with pleasure by the young and old of the Sunday school. It always requires all the big sleighs from the liveryies in this town and North Adams. It will leave in front of the church on Park street shortly after 1 o'clock.

BACH-WOTZEL.

Announcement is made of the recent marriage of Miss Mary A. Bach to Joseph Wotzel. The wedding took place at St. Thomas parsonage and Rev. Father McLaughlin officiated. Miss Mary Patton was bridesmaid and Fred Anderson was best man. The bride was attired in a dove colored traveling dress with hat to match. The bridesmaid wore blue. A reception followed at the bride's home in Maple Grove and the couple are now on a wedding tour in Vermont.

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN.

The registrars will be in session at the town hall building tomorrow afternoon from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m., for the purpose of registering new voters and correcting the voter's list. The assessors will also be in session at their office. It is hoped that all persons who wish to register and vote at the coming spring election will do so early.

SATURDAY EVENING HOP.

Excelsior Valley lodge of Odd Fellows will hold another of its series of Saturday evening dances in Odd Fellows hall tomorrow evening. McGrath's orchestra will furnish music and F. D. Field will prompt. Dancing will begin from 8 o'clock until midnight. The prices will be 25 cents, ladies 10 cents and checking free. The public is invited.

Miss Florence Boon gave a sleighride to her schoolmates of the third grade at the Liberty street school Wednesday. The party went to Cheshire in

one of Liveryman Wiethauser's big sleighs, drawn by four horses.

The Adams Poultry association will hold another show in the opera house next winter.

Ernest S. Thompson, naturalist to the government of Manitoba, is to give a lecture on "Wild animals" at the North Adams normal school March 14. Local people will attend.

A. B. Benson is to have charge of J. W. Shaffer's bicycle business on Dean street this coming season.

People who miss the lecture and exhibition of liquid air at the opera house this evening will miss an instructive entertainment.

General Gordon is to speak in the Wilson theatre at North Adams a week from tonight on "The Last Days of the Confederacy." Special electric cars will be run for the accommodation of local people.

Mrs. Bridget Whitte of Renfrew has sold her property on Kearns lane to S. T. Horton. The consideration is private.

Miss Kate Arnold of North Adams was the guest of Miss Blanche Baker, Thursday.

A son was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beauparlant of Edmunds street.

There were three cases of drunkenness disposed of in court this morning. Albert Anthony who was taken seriously ill last week is improving slowly. His daughter, Miss Madge, is home from Tufts college.

F. E. McNulty of West street is recovering from an attack of fever.

Mrs. William Hall and daughter of Ware are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Renfrew.

Mrs. Estes of No. 2 Alger street has been ill at her home the past week. Michael Lahey, jr., who has charge of the electric arc lights injured his right foot a few days ago, while climbing one of the poles on which the street lights are placed.

The regular meeting of the N. E. O. P. will be held this evening.

The second meeting of the Berkshire high school teachers club will be held in the Pittsfield high school, tomorrow at 10.15 o'clock in the forenoon. Several important subjects will be discussed. The local high school teachers will attend.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

A Card

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. Wilson House Drug store, Seveance & Co., Williamstown, A. E. Hall, Williamstown, Galvin & Co. Greylock, Brown & O'Connor, Braytonville, C. J. Whitney, Briggsville, M. L. Whitney, Stamford, Vt., S. A. Stroud, North Adams, William Orr, Jr.

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Up to date in every particular with ice cream parlors and soda fountain connected.

We make our own candy including choice chocolates and fancy creams, to which we would call your attention. Come in and see our beautiful new store.

Cecil Rhodes was relieved. The relief of Kimberley was an incident.—Detroit Free Press.

About the worst thing that has befallen England in the Transvaal war is the rescue of Cecil Rhodes.—Topeka Journal.

In case there is a slump in the diamond business Cecil Rhodes might find employment in the museums as the \$10,000,000 prize beauty.—Washington Post.

If Cecil Rhodes didn't take General French into that diamond vault and tell him to dip in and help himself to a handful of carats, he is an ungrateful man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cecil Rhodes took advantage of the resumption of travel from Kimberley southward to depart for Cape Town. P. S.—Cape Town is the farthest point in South Africa from the seat of war.—Syracuse Herald.

THE HOME DOCTOR.

Do not neglect a cold. You cannot be too soon. Colds are easily cured if treated at once, but neglected they may mean pneumonia or consumption. Try this simple remedy for asthma: Extract the juice of eight lemons and mix it carefully with one ounce of honey and one ounce of cod liver oil. Take a tablespoonful of the mixture when the cough comes on.

A bruise should be immediately bathed with very hot water to prevent swelling and lessen discoloration. If the bruise is serious, a cloth wrung from warm oil should be applied, changing when cold. After bathing a bruise with very hot water always smear it lightly with some soothing cream or ointment.

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WHIM-WHAMS.

A Galaxy of Jests Sure to Please Lovers of Humor.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—A beggar was just in here whose toes turned in.

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Well, I hope you turned 'em out.

He—Do you believe in hoodoo? She—I did once. You did? Yes, I married one.

He—Why are they called Boers, do you suppose? She—Oh, because they are always forcing themselves ahead, I suppose.

Mrs. Yeast—They say nothing is wasted. Are fish tails any good? Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Well, yes. Some that my husband tells are Jimdandies!

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—When the weather is chilly, my feet always get cold. Mr. Crimsonbeak—Of course. That shows that the temperature goes down.

"See those crocodiles ranged one above the other on the river bank?" said the traveler in the south.

"Yes," explained his wife. "I suppose those are the original crocodile tasters."

Patience—What are you pressing that waist for? Patrice—To take the wrinkles out of it.

"And then George will come tonight and press all the wrinkles back in it again."

Bill—I've been down to old Pinchbeck's 20 times for that little bill of \$5.

Jill—Well, the old fellow always did believe in giving a fellow a run for his money.—Yonkers Statesman.

Moving an Amendment.

"Dickie, people should live to help one another."

"Yes, ma, but I'd get more pie if you'd let me help myself."

BRITON AND BOER.

Of Lord Roberts it has been predicted that he will come back from South Africa as a duke or dead.—St. Paul Globe.

The war balloon is again proving its usefulness in South Africa, but the armored train has been practically abandoned.—Buffalo Courier.

The news from South Africa begins to assume a characteristic which may make Oom Paul wish he had a reliable corps of press censors.—Chicago Star.

Of course Kruger still sticks to his wits and the Boer interpretation of them, but he must want more light. Rhodes free and unpunished is bound to shake his faith in the psalms.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

NAVAL NOTES.

The latest proposed French battleship of 12,416 tons will cost \$5,585,000.

Japan will soon receive from Clyde bank one of the largest battleships afloat. The Nymphe, the new fourth class German cruiser, has a speed of 21.5 knots an hour.

Thirty-five warships, not including torpedo boat destroyers, were built in Great Britain last year.

Notice

We the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Down's Elixir if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough or throat trouble. We also guarantee Down's Elixir to cure consumption, when used according to directions, or money back. A full dose on going to bed and small doses during the day will cure the most severe cold, and stop the most distressing cough.

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HE MADE A MISTAKE.

And Didn't Mend Matters a Bit When He Discovered It.

The fine looking young man who was shown into the parlor was a new one to the old gentleman, who had lived in a state of anxiety for years lest some one would marry his charming daughter for her money. All young men were under suspicion with him, and he was particularly formal with those of fine appearance. The caller intended to observe the proprieties by introducing himself, but the host said in his stiffest business tones:

"What can I do for you, sir?" "I came to tell you, sir, that I have asked your daughter!"

"Just as I expected," was snorted back. "It's pretty tough when a man of affairs at my time of life has to put in half his time telling young whippersnappers that they can't have that girl of mine. There is the most mercenary lot of men just coming into active life that I have ever seen. I'd better give my fortune to some charitable institution. You can't have her."

"Perhaps if I should explain?" "There's nothing to explain. I've heard it all more times than I have hairs on my head. Of course you love her. You can't live without her. You have no money, but you're educated, possess a brave heart and will shield her from all trouble. You will!"

"Just to shield you from a little present embarrassment I will inform you that I'm not in the least in love with your daughter."

"What in thunder did you propose to her for, then? Have you the unmitigated gall to come in here and tell me that you want my daughter when you're not in love with her and not expect to get kicked out? Why, you?"

"Break away, papa!" laughed the vision of loveliness who hurried into the room. "This is the gentleman visiting at Mrs. Winton's, and he is arranging her private theatricals for her. He has asked me to take a part, and I referred him to you."

The old gentleman glared hopelessly for a full minute and in his confusion said brokenly:

"Take her, my son, take her."—Detroit Free Press.

FOOD IN THE ARCTIC.

Birds Have No Difficulty Finding It In the Snow.

The number of birds that go to the arctic regions to breed is "vast beyond conception." They go not by thousands, but by millions, to rear their young on the tundra. The cause which attracts them is because nowhere in the world does nature provide at the same time and in the same place "such a lavish prodigality of food."

That the barren swamp of the tundra should yield a food supply so great as to tempt birds to make journeys of thousands of miles to rear their young in a land of plenty, only to be found beyond the arctic circle, seems incredible. The vegetation consists of cranberry, cloudberry and crowberry bushes. Forced by the perpetual sunshine of the arctic summer these bear enormous crops of fruit. But the crop is not ripe until the middle and end of the arctic summer, and if the fruit eating birds had to wait until it was ripe they would starve, for they arrive on the very day of the melting of the snow. But each year the snow descends on its immense crop of ripe fruit before the birds have time to gather it. It is then preserved beneath the snow, perfectly fresh and pure, and the melting of the snow discloses the bushes with the unconsumed last year's crop hanging on them or lying, ready to be eaten, on the ground. The frozen meal strokes across the breadth of Asia. It never decays, and is accessible the moment the snow melts. Ages have taught the birds that they have only to fly to the arctic circle to find such a store of "crystallized foods" as will last them all the bushes are once more forced into bearing by the perpetual sunlight. The same heat which frees the fruit brings into being the most prolific insect life in the world. The mosquito swarms on the tundra. No European can live there without a veil after the snow melts. The gun barrels are black with them, and the cloud often obscures the sight. Thus the insect eating birds have only to open their mouths to fill them with mosquitoes, and the presence of swarms of tender warblers, of cliff chaffs, pipits and wagtails in this arctic region is accounted for.—New York Evangelist.

Could Be Reached Still.

"Did you catch a glimpse of the footpad?" asked the policeman who was stooping over the insensible victim and examining his injuries.

"Yes," answered the man whose timely arrival had scared the murderous villain away. "He was a tough looking fellow, a little taller than I am and wore chin whiskers."

The prostrate man shuddered, gasped and moved his lips. Consciousness was returning.

"Strictly speaking," the policeman heard him mutter feebly, "there is no such thing as chin whiskers. Whiskers grow on the cheeks. He wore a chin beard."

Then the Boston man became unconscious again.—Chicago Tribune.

To Fit the Crime.

"You don't look like a hard citizen, but you plead guilty to the charge of being found in a gambling resort. I ought to inflict a fine of at least \$5!"

"But, your honor, I was intoxicated, or I wouldn't have!"

"Drunk, too, were you? The fine will be \$10 and costs. Call the next case."

—Chicago Tribune.

The Woman Tennis Champion of New Zealand

has but one hand, and that is the left one, but she can serve a ball that is exceedingly difficult to return.

What of the Mule?

I read about the heavy runs. The heavy and the light—The kind that weigh a ton of tons And scale the kopie's height, And yet, it seems so strange to me, They write of merry Yule, Of light and flight, of French and White, But naught about the mule!

How does he stand the battle crash? Does panic seize him now? Do both his heels together flash Upon the kopie brow?

Of course I like to hear the news Of wasail and of Yule, But, hope deferred, they write no word About the army mule.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PEETE AT THE WONGIN.

Which Shows That Logic Is Always Very Effective.

(The wongin is the woods store that most of the Maine lumber camps maintain.)

The favorite story that the satirists of the woods tell of the typical Maine wongin camp is the story of Pete the P. I. They say that Pete couldn't figure and couldn't write and that when he came to settle at the wongin for what he had bought during the winter he found an array of charges against him that fairly paralyzed his senses.

Pete didn't think of disputing the charges—for they were down in those mythical, puzzling "figures"—and he had great fear and respect for figures.

"Of course all I know about it," said the wily keeper of the wongin, "is what my fingers say. You aren't going to dispute the figures, are you?"

"Ah wasn't thinkin' o' that," said Pete, "but Ah was a-thinkin' that there was some o' the things ye have got down there that I never had."

"What, for instance?" asked the wongin keeper fiercely.

"Waal," said Pete, "I got out again."

"There, there! Hol on the wongin! The woodsman at length I never had three pairs o' stockin's last winter—never had 'em!"

"Well, let's see what the fingers say," rejoined the wongin keeper. "These fingers hadn't ought to lie. Now, there was the pair you had."

"Yis."

"And the pair you didn't have?"

"Yis."

"And the pair you ought to have had?"

"Yis."

"Well, great Scott, man, are you so dense as not to be able to see that three ones make three? That means three pairs of stockings by the fingers. I know you never went to school, but any man ought to be able to understand that."

"Waal," said Pete, scratching his head, "I suppose it must be so if the fingers have it that way, but, blame me, this settlin' by fingers is a curst thing—a blame exists thing!"—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

The Parrot Knew.

Old Lady—Bless me, that is a most uncommon pattern for a parrot stand! I wonder what is the meaning of it?

The Bird—On S T is the best Fall I C—Nuggets.

The Way It Works.

"Young man, don't you know you spend too much money on the theater?"

"Yes, I know it, but I am too poor to ever get any passes, you know!"—Indianapolis Press.

BERKSHIRE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Pittsfield, Mass.

STATEMENT, JAN. 1, 1900.

Amount Insured, \$5,000,076.37

Cash Assets, 110,407.43

Re-insurance Reserve \$64,874.13

Other Liabilities, 2,007.42

Cash Surplus, 66,581.55

Increase in surplus over Jan. 1, 1899, 48,725.93

Dividends paid, 25, 40 and 60 per cent

F. W. HINFALE, Pres J. M. STEVENSON, Secy. H. W. CLARK, Resident Director.

B. B. HASKINS, Agent.

Coasting Notice

Notice is hereby given that coasting streets:

Meadow street, south from house

No. 9, C. G. Bartlett's.

Lawrence Ave.

East Brooklyn St.

Wallow street south from No. 10

F. N. Blake's.

East Main St., east of Kemp Ave.

Kemp St.

Dover St.

Miner St.

J. L. TEMPLE,

Commissioner of Public Works.

North Adams Savings Bank

ESTABLISHED 1862. 13 MAIN ST.

Adjoining Adams National Bank.

Business hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., Saturdays 9 to 11 a. m.

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70 Main St

Inquire at Store.

Sam'l Cully & Co.

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And Come To Our Jacket Sale

Any jacket
that sold at
\$10 to \$20,
now \$5.

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Fire, Life, Accident Insurance. Steamship tickets on all line
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ALSON OPERA HOUSE. Although

ON NIGHT ONLY.....
Wednesday, March 14.

The Event of the Season!
Engagement of the Famous Author-
Actor,

Mr. Edward Harrigan

And his New York Company
In his Greatest Success,

"Old Lavender"

This Season Better Than Ever!

Sale of seats Monday, March 12, at
usual place.
Car to Adams and Williamstown after
performance.

Stationery Prices

to make them
move.
Great drives on
real Irish Linen
14c lb.
A new
Quad Camera
\$3.75.
Everything
in photographic
supplies.

F. G. Fountain Bank Street

NOTICE!

Having formed a co-partnership in
Horseshoeing,
General Jobbing,
Carriage Repairing
We opened Wednesday, March 7, on
Spring Street
We solicit your trade. All work
guaranteed first-class.
ROBERT L. BENOIT,
LOUIS C. BENOIT,

Oranges are higher in market, we
had a large order engaged ahead, so
we can duplicate our last Saturday
bargains. 175 count to the box Cali-
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to the box California Navel, 15c. the
dozen. Fine line of California Navel,
Juicy, Sweet, and Large, for 30c. to
50c. dozen.

Fresh Strawberries, Ripe Tomatoes,
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Spinach, Dandelions, Beet Greens, Ber-
muda, and Spanish Onions, Turnips,
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We can give you good Coffee to suit
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Something you can always depend on.

Ingalls' delicious Sweet Cream.
Fresh lot of Pickled Limes and Dill
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The People

realize that our prices are
the lowest in the city and we
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A Few Leaders

quoted below, but every-
thing else cut in proportion.

	Our Regular Price	Price
Syrup Hypophosphites	65c	1.25
Beef, Iron and Wine	49c	75c
Rice's Sarsaparilla	49c	1.00
Syrup Figs	15c	25c
Emulsion Cod Liver Oil	49c	1.00
Arnold's Cough Killer	15c	25c
Atwood's Bitters	20c	25c
Lithia Tablets	35c	50c
Mennen's Talcum Powder	20c	25c
Norwegian Cod Liver Oil	50c	75c
Liebig's Extract Beef	40c	50c
Dantifoam	20c	25c
Tooth Powder	20c	25c
Laxative Bromo Quin.	12c	25c
Carter's Pills	12c	25c
Hall's Catarrh Cure	65c	75c

John A. Rice Cor. Main and Eagle Sts.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-O
will not benefit. Send 5 cents to R-I-P-A-N-O
Chemical Co., New York, for 100 testimonials.

MR. DOUTNEY TALKS TEMPERANCE

Interesting Address in Salvation Army
Hall Last Evening

Lecturer Thomas N. Doutney received
a warm welcome in the Salvation Army
hall last night. The army through En-
sign Lowell extended an invitation to
him a few days since to address them
on gospel temperance, not knowing
that he could accept. He answered
that he considered it a compliment to
be asked to speak for an organization
that extends a helping hand to the un-
fortunate of either sex.

A very good audience was present.
The preliminary exercises were con-
ducted by Ensign Lowell after which
he introduced Mr. Doutney. From the
start he gained the close attention
of those present. He immediately fam-
iliarized himself with them, becoming
one of them. His manner is easy and
off-hand. In speech and action he is
unquestionably original. Instead of a
lecture he gave what he called a home
talk, filled with incidents, humorous
and pathetic. He believes in practical
and not in theory. He has been hotel
and saloon owner and eventually became a
wreck through strong drink but for
over 20 years has devoted his time to
what he classes as, "non-political, non-
sectarian and non-abusive tem-
perance." He believes in practical
and applied temperance. He does not
indulge in personalities and has no
abuse whatever for the saloon owner.

He says he makes honest warfare
and that to abuse a saloon owner is as
bad as to abuse anyone else. He pro-
claims that prosecution and persecu-
tion are two different things. The
former is legitimate, the latter sinful.
His desire is to win the saloon owner
as well as others to temperance. His
address made a decidedly favorable
impression. Mr. Doutney is quite a
vocalist and the solo he rendered last
night was well received.

One of the pleasing features of the
evening was an address of welcome to
Mr. Doutney in verse written and read
by Mrs. Ida F. P. Maynard. By invita-
tion he will speak again for the Sal-
vation Army in their hall at 7.30 to-
morrow evening to which all are in-
vited. The lecture will be free. He
spoke in the Methodist church, this
city when Rev. Dr. Farrar was pastor
and subsequently he was in Martin
hall for about two weeks.

The Merchant of Venice

It takes a good deal of "nerve" for a
company of ordinary actors and ac-
tresses to attempt to play Shakespeare
and make a thoroughly high grade
production of a play that has been
given more attention probably than any
other in the English language. The
members of the Lyceum company,
who presented "Merchant of Venice"
at the Columbia theater last evening
had the requisite nerve and were con-
scientious in their work. They suc-
ceeded in giving a very pleasing pro-
duction, and one that merited the lib-
eral applause it received. The com-
pany worked in harmony, the actors
all gave each other a "fair show," they
were well costumed and they had a
crowded house to welcome them.

About half the audience went to see
the "theatrical event of the season,"
and about half went expecting to be
"buncoed." Both were disappointed.
It wasn't a bunco, and it wasn't a
great production. It was simply a sat-
isfactory production on a small scale
of a great play.

The actors, in spite of the fact that
they tackled the play encouragingly,
seemed awed by their own enterprise
in presenting Shakespeare. Most of
them overdid the time-honored tradi-
tion that to be unnatural is to be
Shakespearean, and they strutted and
ranted with over-elaborate assu-
rance. When one had a notable speech
to make, he planted his feet firmly,
took a deep breath and plunged. Which
is not necessarily Shakespearean.

But this was the only defect in what
was otherwise a pleasing performance,
and one well worth seeing. The Shy-
lock, Launcelot, Antonio, Portia and
Nerissa were of especial merit. Wil-
liam Colvin as Launcelot was a very
clever comedian, and Miss Lorimer as
Nerissa was most "fetching" in the
casket scene, outshining Portia herself
in strength of acting. Edouard D'Oize
as Shylock gave a very faithful and
good imitation of Henry Irving.

Harrington Case Continued

The case of Peter Harrington, charg-
ed with the larceny of meat from two
wholesale dealers, was called in police
court this morning, and a plea of not
guilty was entered. The cases were
continued for hearing to Saturday,
March 17. Mr. Harrington was put un-
der bonds of \$100, or \$50 for each
charge. Lawyer Magenis will appear
for Mr. Harrington.

By Mr. Harrington's friends the case
is regarded as another incident in the
attempt of the wholesalers to control
the local retail meat business, and they
are indignant at the bringing of the
charges against him.

The Central Berkshire Trolley

A meeting will be called next week
by Dalton parties who are interested
in forming a company to build an elec-
tric railroad between that town and
Hinsdale. As yet there are no plans
formulated. It is thought it will re-
quire a capital of between \$50,000 and
\$75,000. Both Hinsdale and Dalton will
act on the matter of granting a fran-
chise at their annual town meetings.
The plan is favorably thought of in
both towns and is expected to prove a
paying investment.

POWNAI.

A large party of friends gathered at
the railroad crossing Thursday eve-
ning to cheer the Pownal boys as they
went through en route to Plattsburg
on the 8.30 train. The boys waved them
a good bye as they passed. Should a
place as large as North Adams fur-
nish a pro rata number they would
make two full companies of men.

Mrs. Susan Oprel died Thursday after
an illness of two weeks. She leaves a
husband and two children. The fu-
neral will be held on Saturday, Mr.
Hopkins of Williamstown having
charge.

Tomorrow, March 10

Is the last discount day for electric
light and gas bills.

PROMOTION FOR PAUL GOODRICH

To Be Examined at Once for a Com-
mission in Army

A Washington dispatch says that a
dispatch was sent by Adjutant General
Corbin yesterday to General Otis com-
manding in the Philippines, which will
mean early promotion for Paul M.
Goodrich of this city. Congressman
Lawrence has been trying for some
time to get Mr. Goodrich promoted
from sergeant in Company M, 14th
regular infantry, to a commissioned of-
ficer, but has encountered several tech-
nical difficulties.

Sergeant Goodrich was above the age
of 26, fixed as the maximum limit for
appointment of second lieutenants of
volunteers while he could not be com-
missioned to this rank in the regular
army without serving for two years.
The two years will expire June 17, and
Mr. Lawrence took time by the fore-
lock in a recent conference with Gen-
eral Corbin and urged that the promo-
tion of the young Massachusetts sol-
dier be made at the earliest possible
moment under the law.

General Corbin accordingly tele-
graphed yesterday to assign Goodrich
for examination for a commission at
once. Mr. Goodrich is a graduate of
Williams college in the class of 1891,
with a first-class record as student and
soldier, and is not likely to have any
difficulty in passing this examination.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Cook of Clarksburg

An old and esteemed resident of
Clarksburg passed away this morning
at 1.30 o'clock by the death of Mrs.
Dunice S. Cook, aged 84 years. She was
rendered a helpless invalid 10 years ago
by a paralytic shock, but the im-
mediate cause of her death was pneu-
monia, with which she was attacked a
week ago. The end came very peace-
fully.

Mrs. Cook was born at Halifax, Vt.,
but had lived at Clarksburg for 60
years. Before her health failed she
was a very active and energetic wo-
man, and she held a high place in the
esteem of the community. She was a
friendly and neighborly woman, kind-
hearted and sympathetic, and ever
ready to assist others by wise counsel
and kindly service. During her long
period of invalidism she was at times
a great sufferer, but her trials were
borne with marked patience and fort-
tude. After a long, worthy and useful
life she has entered into rest and her
memory will be cherished by all who
ever knew her. Her husband, Moses
Cook, died in 1855. She is survived by a
son and two daughters, Sanford A.
Cook of Stockbridge and Mrs. C. L.
Roberts and Mrs. E. H. Farnsworth of
Clarksburg. She also leaves three sis-
ters, Mrs. Electa Ripley of Montague,
Vt., and Mrs. Adeline Averz of West-
field, these being the only living mem-
bers of a family of 12 children.

The funeral will be held at the home
of C. L. Roberts in Clarksburg Sunday
afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Mr.
Harding of Stamford, Vt., will officiate
and the singing will be by a quartet
from this city. The body will be placed
in the vault and will be buried in the
spring in Hillside cemetery.

John R. McAdoo

John R. McAdoo died yesterday at
his home on Furnace street in his 57th
year. His death was caused by paraly-
sis and was rather sudden. He ap-
peared to be in his usual health Mon-
day and came down town at 5 o'clock
after his wife and daughter. Soon
after reaching home he complained of
a peculiar feeling in his leg which he
could not account for, and expressed
the fear that he was about to have a
stroke. A few minutes later he fell from
his chair unconscious and so remained
to the time of his death. Mr. McAdoo
was an old and well known resident
and many will be surprised to learn of
his death. Besides his wife he leaves
a daughter, two brothers, William of
this city and Joseph of Adams.

The funeral will be held at his late
home tomorrow afternoon at 2.30
o'clock. Rev. A. J. Hamilton officiat-
ing.

A Former Blackinton Resident

Chauncey Sherman for many years
a resident of Blackinton, died March 4
at the home of his son-in-law, James
F. Gage, at Corinth, Iowa. He was
born near Blackinton 18 years ago and
for many years was engaged in farm-
ing, he having owned the Carpenter
farm in Blackinton.

While a resident of Blackinton he
always took an active part in Wil-
liamstown affairs and held several
town offices. He also took an active
part in the politics of the town.

He is survived by three sons, Em-
mons of Goodspeed Landing, Conn.,
Charles W. of this city, William B.
of Mt. Dora, Mo., and one daughter,
Mrs. J. F. Gage of Corinth, Iowa. He
also leaves one sister, Mrs. Harriet
Temple, and a brother, Eben Sherman,
both of this city. He was well known
here, having lived here the greater
part of his life. He went west about
15 years ago, to live with his daughter,
but visited here several times. He was
a man of much ability and while in
Blackinton was oftentimes consulted
on matters pertaining to the welfare
of the town.

A Berkshire Property Owner

The Wellington case occupied the
entire day, and it was expected that it
could be finished today. Among yes-
terday's witnesses were M. R. Ford
and C. G. Bartlett, assessors of this
city, and David Follett and Eliza Bur-
lingame of Adams to give their opin-
ions on the damage to the property.

The court announced yesterday that
jury cases would continue till next
Wednesday. Thursday morning court
cases will be taken up.

The Molly Stark Farm

The Louis Northouse farm of 150
acres in Bennington will be sold at
auction tomorrow. It was on the North-
house farm that General Stark, just
before the battle of Bennington, made
the famous speech: "Yonder are the
redcoats; they are ours, or Molly Stark
sleeps a widow tonight."

PAINT YOUR BUGGY FOR 75c
with Devco's Gloss Carriage Paint,
ready for use; 10 colors. Gives a high
gloss equal to new. Sold by Alderman
& Carlisle.

Tomorrow, March 10

Is the last discount day for electric
light and gas bills.

TROY-WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD

Another Bunch of News From the Pro-
moters of the Line

The engineers engaged in making the
survey for the Troy, Grafton and Wil-
liamstown railroad started out yester-
day morning to finish the leveling on
the line. They expect to finish the lev-
eling by Friday night, and will then
determine on the advisability of running
the line over the Stone road in Troy to
the Brunswick and Petersburg turn-
pike, thus establishing communication
with Eagle Mills, and thence by a
short route to Cropseyville.

By cutting across to Brunswick in
this manner the mileage will be in-
creased on that end, but it is estimated
that this distance will be saved by
coming across Krum's Flats from
Eagle Mills to Cropseyville.

The Troy Times says that the
promoters of the road estimate that
in a few years the road will build up
the country along its route to an ex-
tent sufficient to make it a lucrative
investment. Samuel Foster, who is in-
terested in the road, has been sending
out circulars requesting farmers along
the route of the proposed road to send
him an estimate of the amount of pro-
duce they will ship to the city in the
course of a year. In this way it is
believed that the freight business can
be figured on to a large extent.

Mr. Foster has been interested in
other railroad enterprises. Several
years ago he rode on horseback a dis-
tance of 200 miles along the route of
the Fort Hunter and San Antonio rail-
road in the south, gathering such in-
formation as he now seeks through the
medium of circulars.

As soon as the engineers finish the
map of the survey articles of incor-
poration will be filed with the secretary
of state.

The Possibilities of Depravity

Some startling evidence in the way
of showing the possibilities of human
depravity are promised in the trial of
George Hermans of Stehontown,
charged with the murder of Rhoda and
Sarah Jane Pratt. The officials have
secured pictures of the surroundings
and will show the environment of
some of the dwellers in the region.

"People out on the Stehontown
mountains don't live," said one of these
officials yesterday. "They simply exist,
and some of them wallow. Their places
of shelter would not make decent cattle
pens in many instances. They are ig-
norant beyond comparison, and there is
no line drawn in domestic relations. A
whole family frequently occupies a
common sleeping room, which is not
only sleeping apartment but kitchen,
general living room and refuge for
geese and chickens. The state of af-
fairs up there is simply awful, and it
wouldn't be a bad idea if some of the
humanizing and Christianizing efforts
made in behalf of foreign lands were
turned in that direction. Law and or-
der are unknown on the Stehontown
mountains, and the Sabbath does not
figure in the mountaineer's calendar.
Not one in 10 of the people could tell
you whether it was Sunday or any
other day in the week. They take no
thought of time, and live simply to eat,
drink 'mountain dew' and roose about a
scratchy patch of land called a
'farm.'"

The Feast of Purim

The local Hebrews are making plans
for the celebration of the feast of Pu-
rim on next Wednesday. The object
of the feast of the Purim is to thank-
fully remember God's providence in
saving Israelites in the Persian em-
pire, through Mordecai and Esther,
from utter destruction designed by the
wicked Haman. It is celebrated as a
day of thanksgiving, feasting and re-
joicing, and distinguished by sending
presents to friends and gifts to the
poor. The name Purim, from the Per-
sian Pur (lot), originates from the fact
that the superstitious Haman cast lots
to ascertain the day on which his
wicked plan would best succeed.

Couldn't Get a Name

The vocal club under the direction
of David Roberts of North Adams
met for rehearsal Wednesday evening
and at the close of the rehearsal, it
was voted that the name of the organi-
zation should be "The Apollo club."
The name Apollo club is considered an
unfortunate selection. This name is an
old one among musical clubs and has
been invariably connected with male
quartets, there being one by that name
in New York and several others
throughout the country, all male clubs.
The 20 different members of the club
had been using gray matter for a week
to find a name for the club and "the
Apollo club" was the best they could
do.—Pittsfield Journal.

CHESHIRE

RIDE TO THE DEWEY.

A large party from here was royally
entertained at the Dewey hotel at
Coltsville Thursday evening. The party
was taken in one of Everett Bennett's
teams from Adams. At Berkshire an
accident occurred which delayed the
party for half an hour. It was caused
by the breaking of the whiffletree. A
turkey supper was served at the Dewey
and dancing and card playing followed.
Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs.
R. V. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fisk,
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burget, Mr. and
Mrs. W. B. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. C. D.
Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cummins,
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Northrup, Mr.
and Mrs. H. C. Bowen, Mrs. Smart,
Grace Smart, Harry Reynolds, Rena
Foster, Robert Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs.
F. T. Foster, Mrs. L. B. Wood, Mrs.
Fred Foster, Frank Reynolds, Jessie
Dunn, Mrs. Louisa Beers, Miss Lois
Dean, G. Z. Dean, Mrs. Marlon Upton,
M. A. Blood.

Miss Nora Fitzgerald of Troy is a
guest at Mrs. John Grace.

School closes today for a vacation of
several weeks.

Judge Bixby of Adams was in town
on business Thursday.

Miss Annie Phillips of North Adams
was the guest of her parents Thurs-
day.

Mrs. F. R. Harrington of Adams vis-
ited Cheshire friends here Thursday.
Francis Curley is ill with pneumonia.

E. Cone, manager of the Grimm stereo
company of Rutland, Vt., is at the
Cheshire Inn.

Temptations for Money Savers

Clothes Wringers \$1.79, full size and good quality
Egg Beaters, 9c, "Dover's" best.
Wash Boards 17c, heavy zinc front.
Toilet Paper, 3 packages 25 warranted 1000 sheets
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We have just received another lot of the Bahner Milling
Co.'s best patent flour, B. M. C., made from hard
spring wheat, 1-4 barrel package, 49 pounds,
only \$1.10.

Best creamery butter, by the pound, 25c.

You will find our fruit depart- ment offering big induce- ments

We have one line of California oranges, good size fruit
and juicy, 17c dozen, 8 dozen for 50c.

Another line California navel, thin peeling and sweet,
22c dozen, 5 dozen for \$1. This is a big trade.

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may have descended to you, but
after all it doesn't equal modern
pieces in style and finish. Certain-
ly it is not as handsome as the fur-
niture we are showing now nor as in-
expensive. We are offering a line
of goods which is surprising, because
of their beauty, elegance, finish
strength and price. Call and ex-
amine them, and you will be well re-
paid.

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Ranges.

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